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Mayor praises Marine Theatre for making plans for the future

THE Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis has been praised for its forward-thinking by the mayor of the town.

Councillor Owen Lovell said he was "delighted" that the Marine was making plans for the future during a discussion on the business activities of LymeArts Community Trust, which runs the theatre, at last week's Strategy & Finance Committee meeting.

The council receives regular updates on the business activities of the trust, as it granted the theatre £120,000 over the next four years in February.

The Marine Theatre has received some criticism in recent months over the amount of public money it has received from the town council – thought to total in the region of £750,000 – and it is expected to make a year-end deficit.

However, speaking at last week's meeting, the mayor praised the theatre for putting forward proposals for the future, including a six-foot extension to the front of the building; an extension to the external balcony; the installation of exterior glass window panels; a new toilet complex off the foyer; a free-standing box office desk in the foyer; a coffee shop/bar in the existing box office; the installation of a lift in the area currently occupied by the coffee shop; relocation of the theatre office; uncovering the cellar and bringing this area into use; and a LED replacement lighting

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programme.

The theatre also plans to implement several measures to ensure a balanced budget, including negotiating split rather than guaranteed fees to artists; ending postal distribution of seasonal brochures; removing or reducing commission on tickets sold through Tourist Information Centre; outsourcing the café service; increasing bar prices; increasing marketing for the theatre as a wedding and event venue; a relaunched Theatre Friends scheme; and seeking more corporate sponsorship.

Councillor Brian Larcombe questioned some of the capital project proposals it had put forward, commenting: "I can understand they want to do them to improve what they're offering to the public, but some of these are going to cost quite some money. Accepting that we're not going to micro-manage the theatre, we still need to know where that kind of funding is going to come from."

However, the mayor, who is also the council's representative on LymeArts Community Trust, commented: "This is the first time I can recall of the Marine Theatre coming to the town council with a



■ THE exterior of the Marine Theatre has recently been revamped with a new roof, a lick of paint and new signage

plan. Some of it is living dangerously, but the point is there is a plan.

"It's been explained to the town clerk that, for a lot of the things they want to do, they'll be seeking other grants from the Arts Council, West Dorset and anyone else they feel they can go to.

"I'm delighted because all the years we've been working with the theatre, this is the first time anyone's tried to take it beyond what we're going to do this year and thought about how they're going to survive next year.

"I'm hoping this is the start of good things for the theatre. Certainly the number of trustees has expanded by a strong number, and that itself helps to spread the load."

Councillor Lovell said the theatre had also asked about the possibility of taking over the freehold of the building "lock, stock and barrel" from the town council but he had said this "would not be possible from the council's perspective", as it was always intended that the building would revert to the council's control if anything was to "go wrong" with the theatre.

He also said that the proposal to uncover the cellar and bring it into use would have to wait because "obviously funding would not be available".

Councillor Jeff Scowen also praised the theatre for its plans to make savings, adding: "I would like to see the council put out a more positive and optimistic message of support. I do agree that we can't just give them more, and more, and more money, but we should be much more supportive; patting them on the back, saying 'you're doing well, we like some of these ideas'."

Town, district and county councillor Daryl Turner said other authorities had been minded to give grants decreasing to zero over a period of five years, for example, which he said "would allow any organisation to become self-sustainable or not".

"I just think we need to bear in mind that there may be a point in time to consider something of that nature," he added.

The town clerk John Wright explained the council's current position with the year, saying that he and Councillor Lovell had held two business review meetings with LymeArts Community Trust.

"The first was to go through some concerns and we asked for more information. To some extent we're asking the theatre what they are going to do about it [the theatre's financial position]. What we have to do is ask those questions and trust them in terms of what their judgment is, because they're the ones running the business, not us. We want to have an overview of that business to make sure the public investment in that business is protected and secure."

Mr Wright added that they were "not at the end of this process" and were planning another meeting to review the theatre's financial affairs, as it had predicted a year-end deficit.

"We can't be in the business of micro-managing the theatre but we have to take measures to ensure we're providing proper stewardship of the £30,000 [per year] of public money that goes into the organisation," he continued.

"I don't think the theatre think they're getting away lightly because Owen and I, we're not putting them on the ropes, but we're asking challenging questions about what they're doing, where they're at and where they're going.

"We're protecting the council's investment in the theatre, which is £30,000 a year. We have to remember that we issue payments every three months, so our

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Feeling festive at over 70s lunch



■ CHRISTMAS has well and truly begun in Lyme Regis, with festive events having been held all week, including the annual Over 70s Christmas Lunch, at which more than 60 senior citizens enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner. See pages 6 & 7

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SARAH Corke is the centre manager at Bridport Youth and Community Centre after moving to Dorset five years ago with her husband and two children, where she now lives in Corscombe.

She grew up in Kent where she worked for NPI, a life and pensions company, at The Judd School as a finance officer then for Kent Police in the criminal justice unit.

She also worked at Burton Bradstock Primary School as a kitchen assistant and a teaching assistant at Loders Primary School before getting an admin job at the Bridport Youth and Community Centre and going on to reach the manger role.

● TELL us a bit about what your job involves...

I absolutely love my job! It involves co-ordinating all of the bookings, liaising with the centre users to make sure they have everything they need and are happy, dealing with the finance side of things, running our Facebook and Twitter, working with the trustees on fundraising, organising and marketing events such as the upcoming Christmas party, co-ordinating building maintenance and repairs, helping the trustees to plan the future of the centre and everything else in between - no day is the same and there's never a dull moment! A lot of my job is talking to people, which is brilliant.

● WHAT groups and activities does the centre offer?

The regular groups we have at the moment are: Harmony, Bridport Amateur Boxing Club, Bridport Musical Theatre, Bridport Young Performers Scholarship and B-Sharp.

Fisherman's Arms use the hall once a week and Charlie Bicknell runs aerial silks classes every Wednesday.

Fizzy Boppers are there on Tuesdays 10am to 11am, which is high energy songs and dancing for nought to five-year-olds and Jelly Beans are there from 9.15am to 11.15am, a really well-attended playgroup for pre-schoolers

Oops Wow Toddler Art group, messy fun for pre-schoolers, which runs one Friday a month; Hearing Voices are in the centre on Fridays from 5.30pm to 6.30pm - a social group for those who experience hearing voices; and Hungry Herbivores - a monthly lunch club where people bring a plate of vegan food to share and meet like-minded people

On top of these groups/activities, we have Bandits running next door on Mondays and Thursdays 7pm to 9pm. Our building is also used as meeting space



for local organisations, our lovely big hall can be booked for private parties or events for just £15 per hour, and we also have a fully equipped music studio which can be booked for private use.

We also have a weekly Community Café on Fridays between 10am to 12noon which is an ideal meeting place. We are very family-friendly and affordable -

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and also offer free wifi and good coffee and cake - just 50 pence.

We are eager to recruit volunteers to help out at the centre with future projects and with the maintenance and decorating. We are also looking for people to support us by joining our 100 club (pay £5 per month for a chance to win £100 every month!) or by making a donation to the centre and becoming a Friend of Bridport Youth & Community Centre.

If anyone would like to find out more about any of our activities, hiring the hall or meeting space or how they can support the Youth & Community Centre please can they contact me on 01308 422500 or email bridportycc@gmail.com.

Please keep up to date with our latest news and events by finding us on Facebook and Twitter @bridportycc

● WHAT events are coming up at the Bridport Youth and Community Centre?

Saturday, December 17th from 2pm to 5pm is our free community Christmas party, with baby and toddler areas, as well as the main children's party and craft table in the hall, presents for the little ones, tea, coffee, soft drinks, mince pies, cakes being sold in our downstairs cafe area and an upstairs chill out zone with Christmas DVDs and popcorn for the teenagers! And Father Christmas will be visiting too! Everyone welcome.

Also on Friday, February 24th from 3pm to 9pm we are hosting Charity Stomp, a community party/dance, to fundraise for the centre. In March we are planning a musical evening and in April a sponsored walk.

● AFTER cuts from Dorset County Council, how important is it that people support the centre for the young people of Bridport and surrounding areas?

Bridport Youth & Community Centre is so important for the young people of Bridport! There are so few affordable places in town for them to go. Our youth club currently runs twice a week (Wednesdays and Fridays 7pm to 9.30pm) and offers the young people of Bridport a warm, safe environment to meet their friends, socialise, try new activities and have access to adult support if they need it. More than 40 young people attend youth club each week so it is a very well used resource and would certainly be missed. And we want to build on that and continue to offer more activities, every day of the week.

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Former Woodroffe student sleeping rough this Christmas to raise funds for homeless charity

A FORMER Woodroffe School student will be sleeping rough in London this Christmas to raise funds for homeless charity Crisis.

James Beavis, originally from Uplyme, started his 31-day stint sleeping on the streets of the capital last week and hopes to raise awareness of the increasing number of homeless people in London, as well as raising charity funds.

This will be the second time James, 26, has taken on the challenge of sleeping rough, having spent a week over Christmas 2012 on the streets, during which he raised more than £28,000 for Crisis.

This year he has extended the challenge to 31 days but has said he is already finding it much harder, having been moved on several times and with temperatures dropping to around two degrees at night.

James – who is studying medicine at the University of Aberdeen and hopes to become a doctor for charity – left home on Friday with a sleeping bag, a backpack of the bare essentials and no money. He will be begging to pay for food and, while he has taken a mobile phone to keep supporters updated and promote his cause via social media



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when he can afford to keep it charged, he plans to make no direct contact with family or friends over the Christmas and New Year period.

Speaking on why he decided to take on the challenge a second time, James commented: "I'm doing it again as there are a lot more people on the streets since last time, the issue is getting worse. Whilst the government estimates that London now has more than 1,000 more rough sleepers than four years ago, charities estimate this as well over double that figure.

"Crisis genuinely are a saviour at Christmas. When others spend time with their family, those with nothing or nobody to share Christmas with are at their most low.

"Crisis does incredible work throughout the year but at Christmas they do something truly special. When other shelters close their doors, Crisis opens its arms, welcoming more than 4,000 guests who have no home.

"Not only do they offer kindness, warm food and somewhere to rest, they offer a route into longer-term support for those who are being failed by the system. However, this comes at a cost and with your help we can make sure that everyone who needs support this Christmas can receive it.

"This time I'm doing it for a month. It is much harder already as temperatures are cold and my old spot has been removed. Sleeping on the street leaves you extremely vulnerable and I have been moved on from the safety of my spots.

"Nights are pretty scary at the moment but hopefully I'll find somewhere better soon. Absolute respect should be given to those who do this every night, I'm struggling already."

To sponsor James online, visit www.VirginMoneyGiving.com/James-Beavis. You can also follow his progress on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/homelesstatxmas and use #homelesstatxmas to raise awareness.



■ **CAMPAIGNING FOR CHANGE:** James Beavis, originally from Uplyme, pictured on the streets of London on World Human Rights Day last week and, below left, getting set for his first day sleeping rough with his 31 days countdown on his hand

Council tax precept to remain same next year

LYME Regis Town Council will hold the council tax precept at the same level over the next financial year.

Councillors agreed earlier this year that holding the precept – the portion of council tax charged by the town council – at its current level would be one of its main objectives, and the decision was finalised last week when members were asked to approve the budget and precept for the 2017/18 financial year.

The total income the council receives from local taxpayers will remain the same at £120,708, despite a reduction in the council tax support grant from West Dorset District Council.

Councillor John Broom expressed some concern about keeping the pre-

cept at the same level, saying he had been advised that it should be raised because "we will need it", as the town council was likely to take on more services from West Dorset in future.

"What if something goes wrong? What of Cobb Road disappears?" he asked.

Councillor Daryl Turner argued that the council was in a strong financial position compared to other town and parish councils, and the town clerk said it would be difficult to justify increasing the precept when the council was likely to make a significant surplus of £23,000.

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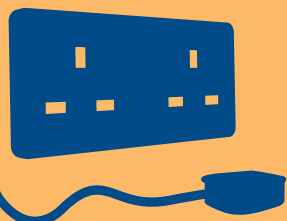
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Devoted wife to Roy, much loved mother of Darren and treasured Nan of Luke, Harry and James and wonderful friend died 7th December in Suffolk, funeral arrangements to be announced.

Former nursing home to be converted into three houses

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PERMISSION has been granted to change the use of the former Lymewood Residential Nursing Home in Uplyme into three separate dwellings.

After 30 years in operation as a residential home, Lymewood, based at the grade II listed Woodhouse in Woodhouse Lane, Uplyme, closed down last year and owners Primrose Ltd. have now received permission from East Devon District Council to change the use of the building to three separate dwellings.

However, a further planning application seeking listed building consent to make the necessary in-

ternal alterations is still being considered. The proposal would not require any physical alterations to the exterior of the building

Woodhouse was listed in 1984 as a late 19th century country house designed by Sir Ernest George and set within extensive landscape gardens.

The application for change of use stated: "Change of use of the property from a residential nursing home to create three independent dwellings would have no adverse effect upon the external character or appearance of the property or outside areas, with only moderate changes to the interior comprising blocking off existing points of inter-connection between the proposed units, which works would be subject to a separate listed building consent application.

"Each of the property's three existing staircases would service each of the proposed dwellings without alteration, apart from removal of inappropriate fire protection/means of escape necessitated by the institutional use of the building.

The application added that a country house used for commercial purposes that failed after a number of successful years was "not an unusual occurrence in a countryside location such as this", and used the Mansion House in Rousdon, Netherton Hall in Farway and Rhode Hill in Uplyme as similar examples, pointing out that all have since successfully been converted into residential use.

It added that the proposal would safeguard the heritage status of the building, and would maintain the character and appearance of the countryside and the amenities of adjacent residents.

OBITUARY - Jim Dade

Former Marine manager dies in Alton, aged 90

A FORMER manager of the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis died during the early hours of Monday morning at his home in Alton.

Jim Dade, who would have been 91 next month ran the theatre in the 1950s when variety companies featured in the resort during the summer season.

London born, Jim was a widower whose wife, the former Sheila Cozens, of Lyme Regis, died a few years ago.

The couple met in the late 1940s when able seaman Jim's ship, HMS Rotherham, made a courtesy visit to Lyme.

Jim, who later become an award-winning agent for a national cleaning product company, leaves three sons and a daughter.

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Town band's Christmas concert another big hit with audience

LYME Regis Town Band's annual concert once again provided the ideal lead in to Christmas celebrations.

"A Musical Christmas" contained the usual balance of musical diversity from the band whilst two guest slots offered a variety of pace and dimension. This was followed by the playing and singing of a selection of Christmas carols and, with compere Nigel Ball thrown in, made an ideal afternoon's entertainment.

Among the audience at the Woodmead Halls were guests, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lyme Regis, Councillor Owen Lovell and Christine Lovell, and as the concert was again held on Sunday afternoon, it allowed residents and staff of the residential homes in the town to attend.

As usual there was a diversity of music with the band opening with "Jingle Bells Rock", "Down Bourbon Street", a selection of New Orleans jazz numbers, and a collection of songs from "Oliver".

Besides Christmas songs, there was also the haunting "Mood Indigo", and the reading of the story of "In the Bleak Mid Winter" by Paul Snowball, accompanied by the band in the background playing the carol.

The first guest spot involved five young cousins, Josie and Klara Smith, Edward and Sophie Rattenbury and Bethany Tattershall who gave an accomplished and energetic display akin to a scene from "Calamity Jane", as they danced through "Jambalaya" and "Cotton Eye Joe", complete with checked shirts, boots and straw cowboy hats with tinsel trim.

The second guest spot featured local musician Julian Shaw who captured the audience with a soothing, lyrical interlude as he accompanied himself on guitar singing Ralph McTell's "Streets of London" and the more upbeat but lilting George Harrison classic, "Here Comes the Sun".

Nigel, besides keeping the concert moving along,



■ **DEDICATION:** Brian Scott (left), winner of the Gordon Broom Memorial Shield, collects his award from Stuart Broom

also recited a couple of his own poems.

The band this year was led by musical director Brian Scott, who took control of the baton in January, and he was awarded for his dedication with The Gordon Broom Memorial Shield, as the Band Person of the Year, presented by Gordon's son Stuart Broom.

An accomplished musician, Brian has played in several other bands. He played the trombone in Lyme Regis Town Band for four years before successfully leading the band through a very busy summer season.

Despite living and working in Weymouth, he travels to Lyme for band practice twice a week and is unstinting in his dedication and commitment to the band, something all the members greatly appreciate, together with his support and encouragement.

Robert Poulton was surprised and delighted to receive a special award from chairman Paul Snowball. Robert is a great supporter of the band, and never missed a chance to collect on their behalf during the summer concerts on Marine Parade, as well as helping in so many other ways.

The chairman was full of praise for his dedication and commitment and nominated him a worthy winner of the award.

'We're not trying to run a theatre, we're protecting our investment'

COUNCIL TOLD THEY CANNOT SEE THEATRE ACCOUNTS UNTIL END OF YEAR

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exposure is only as far as the next £7,500 payment and we need to put that in perspective in terms of our total exposure.

"Our total exposure, of course, if anything does happen to the theatre, is the building and it's in our interest that we have a sound structure and property, we don't want to inherit a liability.

"We're not in the business of trying to run a theatre, we're in the business of trying to protect the council investment."

Councillor Stephen Miller commented: "The Marine has the same pressures as every other theatre in the country in terms of costs and finance, and unfortunately a lot of provincial theatres in much larger towns than Lyme Regis are being forced to close.

"There will be a continuing tension artistic delivery and financial delivery and we need to ensure as a council that they have a financial plan that backs up their artistic delivery. We need to look at it holistically as a theatre and a town and make sure we support them but only as far as we can make it a viable concern and then ask questions on is it right to go forward.

"I think the Marine Theatre should stay, should go forward and should remain as part of the key delivery of Lyme Regis, but we have to make sure the cost of that is one we can afford."

Councillor Larcombe added: "If the theatre finds itself in need of more support from us I suggest, at some point, we think of ways to test the level of support the residents of Lyme are prepared to give it. Ask the residents of the town how far they wish to continue to support the theatre and, with that, we can make an informed decision."

Councillor Stan Williams expressed concern that

the council had not seen full accounts from the theatre and, in particular, questioned the cost of staff wages. The mayor told him the accounts he had seen were confidential as they were not full year accounts yet.

Councillor Williams asked: "So we're not allowed to know what the costings are of the theatre, as elected representatives of the town we're not allowed to know that?"

Councillor Ellis replied: "Councillor Lovell has said he would ask the question about cost of staffing when he goes to the meeting tomorrow night [with theatre trustees]."

Councillor Williams: "You said very plainly said that the elected representatives of the town are not allowed to see the costings."

Councillor Ellis: "You're putting words in my mouth, Councillor Williams, I have not said that."


Councillor Williams: "So we can see them?"

Councillor Ellis: "The mayor has just said the accounts that he saw are confidential at the moment because they are not full year accounts. Once there's a year set of accounts they have to supply us with them."

Councillor Williams argued that members had previously been told they would see monthly accounts from the theatre, and then six-monthly accounts.

The town clerk said that by continuing to have business review meetings, the council could get a better overview of the business than by looking at monthly accounts.

Councillor Ellis added that the business review meetings had already addressed some of the issues that the council had, adding: "We have to look at it as a positive."




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Over 70s get into the festive spirit as



SENIOR citizens from Lyme Regis tucked into their annual Christmas dinner at the Woodmead Halls on Saturday afternoon.

The annual Over 70s Christmas Lunch saw more than 60 residents enjoy a traditional three-course meal of soup, roast turkey with all the trimmings, and Christmas pudding prepared by local caterer Laurie Statham and her team.

The halls were decorated for the occasion and guests got into the festive spirit pulling crackers and singing along to the musical entertainment provided by the Lyme Luggers ukulele group,

By FRANCESCA EVANS
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whose members dressed up specially for the festive event.

The lunch was rounded off with a raffle and every guest went home with a Christmas gift presented by the Mayor of Lyme Regis and chairman of the Over 70s Christmas Lunch Committee, Councillor Owen Lovell.



■ **FESTIVE FAYRE:** Lyme Regis residents enjoy their annual Christmas dinner and, left, the Lyme Luggers ukulele group provided festive entertainment

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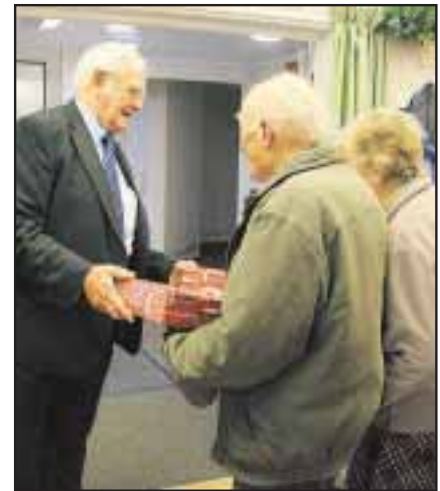
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they tuck into annual Christmas lunch



■ **TUCKING IN:** More than 60 Lyme Regis residents enjoyed a three-course Christmas dinner and entertainment at the Woodmead Halls. Top right, the Mayor of Lyme Regis and chairman of the Over 70s Christmas Lunch Committee, Owen Lovell, hands out gifts at the end of the event



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Christmas comes to Charmouth



CHRISTMAS celebrations in Charmouth kicked off on Friday evening as the village hosted its annual Christmas Fayre.

The event started with carol singing from Charmouth Primary School pupils in St Andrew's Church before Father Christmas arrived in a vintage car followed by a parade of local children and families singing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'.

Santa then met children in his grotto, and the kids were further entertained with a Punch & Judy show and craft activities outside Morgans of Charmouth.

Stalls were run by the 1st Charmouth Scouts and Charmouth Primary School while staff from shops dressed in festive costume, promoted special offers and served mulled wine. The White House Hotel also served up hot dogs and turkey rolls.



■ **FEELING FESTIVE:** Children from Charmouth Primary School sang carols in the church. Below, Father Christmas arrives in vintage car followed by a parade of local children. Left, Santa greets the crowds



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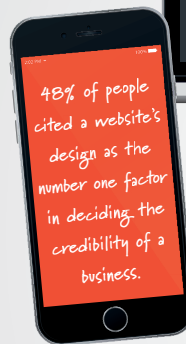
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■ **WARMING UP:** The 1st Charmouth Scout Group offered hot chocolate from their stall



■ **TOP PRIZES:** Staff at Fortnam, Smith & Banwell organised a Christmas raffle



■ **CHRISTMAS TIPPLE:** Nisa Charmouth Stores offered free drinks

Freemasons offer adventure holiday

IN 2017 Dorset Freemasons will celebrate 300 years since their first Grand Lodge was formed.

As part of the celebrations, all the lodges have all donated to a fund which aims to send 100 deserving or disadvantaged children from Dorset schools, who will be between the ages of 12 and 14 next August, to spend a five-day fully-funded adventure holiday at the PGL Centre in Osmington Bay, Weymouth. The dates for the holiday are August 21st to 25th.

A spokesperson for Dorset Freemasons said: "The selection criteria is 'deserving children' and it is our wish that the students attend-

ing are perhaps those that, in the normal course of events, would not be able to afford, or are not able to attend such a holiday if it were offered by a school or other youth organisation.

"We are actively seeking schools or registered organisations with children fitting this profile to apply for these free places, ideally in multiples of eight."

Anyone interested or wanting further information should email jurasic@dorsetfreemasonry.info as soon as possible, as the holiday will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Blow away the cobwebs with a Christmas Day dip

ORGANISERS of Charmouth's traditional Christmas Day swim are once again gearing up to attract some weird and wonderful costumes worn by those brave enough to dip at least their toes in the chilly waters of Lyme Bay.

The event raises about £1,000 for the RNLI each year and again sponsors, Karen and Ian from the Royal Oak pub, will be providing a warming drink for the swimmers.

Fancy dress is not compulsory, and entrants are asked to arrive at 10.30am ready for the swim at 11am.

The event will be started by Lyme Regis town crier Alan Vian, and members of the volunteer lifeboat crew will be on hand to keep a watchful eye on swimmers.

Chairman of the Lyme Regis and Charmouth RNLI Guild Irene Roper said: "The swim is great fun and regularly attracts a big crowd. It's a really enjoyable way to spend Christmas morning."

Car window smashed overnight

THE rear window of a vehicle in the Hill Rose Road area of Lyme Regis was smashed overnight between November 28th and 29th.

The incident occurred sometime between 7pm on the 28th and 10.20am on the 29th.

Nothing was stolen and it is unknown if this was an attempted theft or just criminal damage.

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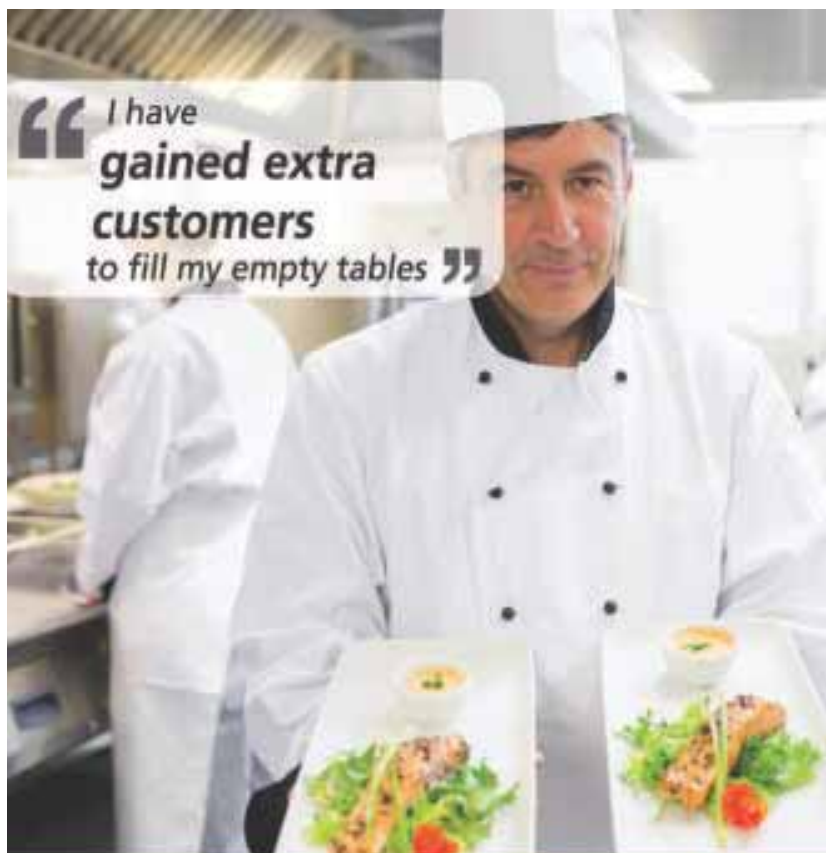
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St Michael's celebrates Christmas



■ CHILDREN at St Michael's Primary School in Lyme Regis started celebrating Christmas last week. The younger children performed a traditional nativity play for parents and families in the school hall last week (pictured above), and the whole school took part in a carol concert at St Michael's Parish Church. The school's annual Christmas fair, organised by the Parents and Friends Association, was also held on Friday with attractions including many stalls and a Santa's grotto (left).



Judge offers advice to Woodroffe students

SIXTH form students from the Woodroffe School who recently took part in the Bar Mock Trial Competition were privileged to last week have a visit from Judge Peter Johnson, who is the presiding judge at Bournemouth Crown Court.

The students spent a very interesting hour in the sixth form library receiving feedback on their recent performance in court, learning about the law and quizzing him about such things as sentencing and his days as a barrister.

Some students sought advice on the best way to embark on a career in the law with one student commenting: "He made a career in law seem achievable."

Mr Johnson also offered the students a day attending Bournemouth Crown Court with a guided tour of the court, including a tour of the cells - an opportunity the team were very enthusiastic about and something they hope to take up in the New Year.

Jon takes the helm of lifeboat after 26 years



■ **NEWLY QUALIFIED:** Jon Broome at the helm of the 'Spirit of Loch Fyne' lifeboat

A LONG-STANDING volunteer with Lyme Regis lifeboat crew is the latest to take the helm of the boat after passing a tough assessment with flying colours.

Jon Broome, a volunteer with the Lyme Regis crew for 26 years, achieved a 90 per cent result, 10 per cent over the pass score of 80 per cent, after training to become a helmsman for some three years.

He is now one of six helms, fully qualified to take charge of the lifeboat and its crew at sea.

During his assessment last week, Jon was tested by the RNLI's divisional operations manager Nigel Jones in a scenario involving a vessel on fire with casualties on board and in the water. The assess-

ment, in poor weather conditions at sea, took almost two hours.

Said Jon: "Safety of the crew is paramount during an emergency call. As a helm I have to go to sea with a crew of three and I have to bring us all back safely. And, of course, I have to deal with the emergency and rescue any casualties."

Jon, 49, an office manager with Royal Mail, is married to Emma and they have a daughter Sophie, aged 10.

"I have had a big grin on my face since qualifying as a helm, and I must thank my family who, like other volunteers with the lifeboat, receives fabulous support from loved ones," added Jon.

Pamper night raises £200 for RNLI



■ **A PAMPER** evening for Dorset businesswomen raised £200 for Lyme Regis lifeboat crew. The Lyme Bay Ladies – a group of around a thousand women in business throughout Dorset and Devon – held the pamper evening at the Dover House Hotel in Rousdon, enjoying an evening treatments and stalls selling jewellery, clothing and make-up. Pictured above, the cheque is presented to Lyme Regis lifeboat crew member Seb Cope (centre) by hotel owners Rosemarie Baker and her husband Neil.

Busy month for photographic club

MEMBERS of Lyme Bay Photographic Club recently took part in a competition against Chard Camera Club.

Lyme Bay hosted the event in Lyme Regis, where both clubs submitted 25 digital images and these were considered anonymously and marked by Taunton judge George Reekie.

George awarded marks out of 20 and the club with the highest overall marks won.

At half time the marks were pretty even with Chard gaining 210 marks and Lyme achieving 207, but images in the second half were given a wide range of marks with Lyme Bay eventually coming out the winners with 403 marks to Chard's 393.

Chairman Chris Sellers thanked George for his stimulating comments concerning each image.

Chard chairman Drew Anderson also thanked George and the Lyme Bay club members for such a close competition, and hoped that Chard would win back the title when they hosted the competition next year.

At Lyme Bay Photographic Club's next meeting on December 2nd, David Snowden showed im-

ages he had taken during 12 months of his life on his farm in Somerset. One or two images were rather gruesome but all were extremely interesting. David mentioned that he sometimes had to decide that animals came before pictures when sheep or cows were giving birth and needed extra help.

David, a prominent member of the Exeter Camera Club, also judged prints and PDIs for the "Openings" competition. David Emmins was placed both first and second in the PDI section for his images 'Opened Up' and 'Looking Skyward', while Bob Ward won third place with 'Barrington Court Garden in Winter'.

Bob also came first in the print section with 'The Barn at Buckland Abbey', while second place was Jennifer Hollands with 'Cannon at the Ready' and third was Bob again with 'Fireplace'.

The chairman thanked David for his insightful comments on the images and wished him luck in continuing his documenting of life on the farm.

The club meets again on December 16th for its annual Christmas party.

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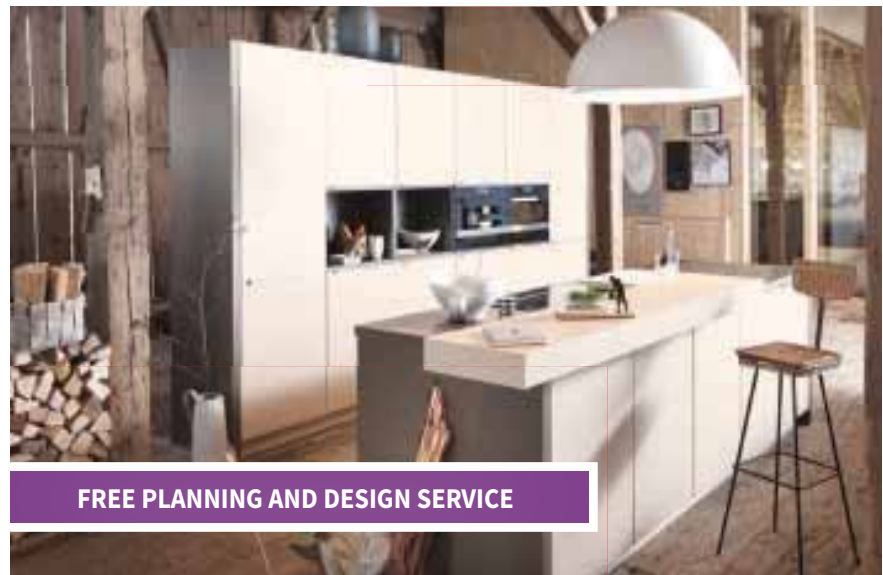
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Where would Lyme be without Rotary?

WHenever there's a community event in Lyme you will find a group of - how can I best describe them? - mature men (and a few women) of the world, very often wearing high-viz jackets, lending a hand.

They were there at the recent Christmas Pudding Race, acting as team managers, and belying their years racing around the course like spring chickens.

They will be keeping order at next week's Carols Around The Tree - possibly Lyme's most popular event - and they will be back on the beach, no matter the weather (remember last year?), on New Year's Day for the Lyme Lunge.

Lyme Matters

by Philip Evans



They are, of course (roll of drums please), the Rotarians of Lyme. Where would this community be without them?

I've never been a Rotarian but throughout my 50 years and more in the newspaper business I've written about this wonderful worldwide organisation a thousand times and worked closely with them of several fundraising initiatives.

Recently my staff got together to raise £10,000 for Rotary's Water Survival Box project, which sends life-saving water supplies and equipment wherever disaster strikes in the world. It was a huge privilege to be involved and gave us the opportunity to see close-up how dedicated Rotarians are to such causes and how much of their personal time they give up to improve the plight of the less fortunate.

Not only will you see them on the street shaking their tins as soon as an earthquake or tsunami is reported through the call of Rotary International, but they are continually raising funds for their own chosen charities.

The Lyme Lunge has emerged as one of the festive season's most enjoyable events with hundreds of swimmers bracing the icy sea. This year's Lunge will raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, a worthy charity.

On Friday week (December 23rd) they will be handing out song sheets and serving hot soup and mince pies for the annual Carols Around the Tree, one of my favourite events of the Christmas holiday, as well as collecting around the tree during the festive period.

And I hear there is talk of Rotary pos-

sibly taking over one of Lyme's most successful fundraising events.

They meet weekly for a meal where they often welcome visiting Rotarians from all over the world. But it's not just a male-orientated organisation - an increasing number of women have now joined their ranks.

I have cause to be grateful for their support as they always turn out - with a few others - to act as marshals for the pudding race and they threw themselves into the fun of the occasion with impressive gusto.

If you Google Rotary International it says: "Rotary unites more than a million great minds around a shared purpose. And together, there's no limit to the good we can do."

That is certainly the truth in this town.

A remarkable young man sleeping rough this Christmas

WHEN you are tucking into your turkey dinner spare a thought for former Woodroffe School pupil James Beavis.

He will be shivering on the streets of London where he is sleeping rough for 31 days.

But James, 26, is no down-and-out and could be enjoying a comfortable Christmas with his family.

It will be the second time that the former Uplyme lad has exposed himself to the dangers of life on the

mean streets of London.

In 2012 he spent a week sleeping rough in the capital and raised a staggering £28,000 for the charity Crisis. Whilst other charities close down over Christmas, Crisis opens its doors to more than 4,000 people who have no homes to go to.

In our page three story this week, James, who is at university studying to be a doctor, explains: "Not only do they [Crisis] offer kindness, warm food and somewhere to rest, they offer a

route into longer-term support for those who are being failed by the system."

James, who will take no money with him and will not be in contact with his family and friends, recognises the dangers of sleeping out for 31 nights, saying that it is "pretty scary" at times but he hopes to find a safe spot.

If you can spare a few bob, please support him. He's a remarkable young man.

♦ AT a social gathering in Axminster this week I had an interesting conversation with Andrew Moulding, who is enjoying his year as chairman of Devon County Council. A former Mayor of Axminster, he also serves on the town and district councils across the border.

We chatted about how little connection there is between Lyme and Axminster despite the closeness of the two communities and the fact that many people from Lyme work in Axminster.

The county border remains a great divide between the two towns when it comes to local government.

When visiting civic heads are invited to Lyme, rarely if ever are council leaders from Devon on the invitation list.

Whilst we are in the same county, Lyme has very little in common with places such as Portland and it would seem much more sensible if the hand of friendship was extended the civic leaders of our close neighbours in Axminster and Seaton.

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GRAND GAMES FOR CHRISTMAS

by Lisa Salmon, Press Association

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year - as does seeing grandchildren for more than half of Britain's grandparents.

Many of the 53% of grandmas and grandpas who only see their grandchildren once a year, or at special events, enjoy that rare meeting at Christmas and, not surprisingly, research suggests nearly two thirds (61%) of them are unhappy with their current level of input with their grandchildren.

"There are many grandparents who only get to see their grandchildren at Christmas, usually due to living many miles, even continents, apart," says Cari Rosen, editor of the social networking site for grandparents, Gransnet.

"We hear from many grandparents who find it heartbreaking that distance keeps them apart from their families for so much of the year, so when you do get the opportunity to be together, don't let the 'what ifs' and regrets ruin it.

"This can pile on even more pressure for everything to be 'perfect' on Christmas Day, so it's important to remember that enjoying your time together is all that matters."

GAME GRANNIES

Although many grandparents would happily



spend Christmas time with their grandchildren watching festive TV, going for a walk to burn off Christmas dinner, or simply playing cards or other traditional games, today's kids are more than likely to want to play on their computer, tablet or mobile phone, especially if they got it for Christmas.

But that doesn't mean grandparents are necessarily left out of the picture.

"We have grans who have really got into things like Minecraft by playing or learning with their grandchildren, and our users have shared so many recommendations that we've put the best ones on one handy page," says Rosen.

"The idea that older people can't handle smartphones and tablets is a bit of a generalisation, and by no means always accurate.

"That said, they do love a board game too."

JUST BE TOGETHER

Rosen warns those grandparents looking forward to seeing their grandchildren after a long time apart that they don't have to make Christmas a laugh-a-minute for the kids. Just spending time with them and helping them play with their new toys - if they let you - will be enough.

"We know from Gransnet discussions that Christmas can be fraught, especially if large families are confined to small spaces for long periods," she says.

"The intensity can be multiplied when there are grandchildren who you might not see that often. After all, if it's the only time you get to spend together it all has to be perfect, doesn't it? Well, actually, no."

She points out that quality time with grandchildren, especially little ones, can be messy, noisy and chaotic, and will still

be wonderful.

"There are few parents who won't thank you for offering to try out the new toys and games while they get a bit of downtime," she says.

"Then there are new books to read, kits to build - and deciding what to do with a mountain of uneaten turkey can involve everyone - an intergenerational Come Dine With Me turkey fest could be just what you're after."

APPY CHRISTMAS

For grandparents willing to give apps a try with their grandchildren, Gransnet suggests:

Story Patch (iPhone) Allows children to create their own themed tale, paired with a choice of over 800 illustrations. Great for boosting youngsters' creativity, with the help of grandma or grandad.

Drawing with Carl (iPhone) Perfect for an afternoon of creative interaction with your grandchild. All pictures created with the help of this app can be shared between devices so you can treasure them forever.

Zero to Three - Let's Play (iPhone, Android) The app features 'boredom busters' and provides fun ideas categorised by age group. Great for grandparents to use to entertain babies and toddlers. Or try an app from Amazon Underground, a free app store with no in-app purchases.

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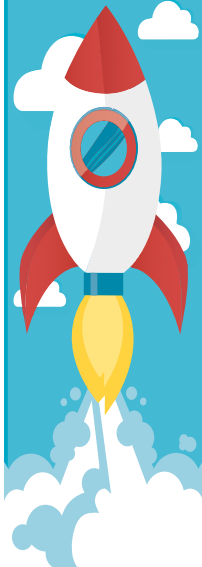
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Chancery House

CHANCERY HOUSE IS CONTINUING TO EVOLVE

CHANCERY House has changed dramatically over recent years and is continuing to evolve to meet changing needs.

The changing demands of the clients together with the rising cost of keeping Chancery House open has led to the centre developing as a day care facility for those with more specialised care needs.

This means that when Chancery re-opens after the Christmas/New Year break (on Tuesday 3 January 2017) it will be primarily as a Day Care Centre for older people with care needs. These needs can include Mobility, Memory, Social Issues and other requirements.

Chancery House is a Secure Unit and as such is suitable for clients with dementia. The Centre's qualified Carers provide a safe, secure, caring and stimulating environment.

Personal bathing is available for those that need help. Transport to and from the Centre is available using a specially adapted minibus, with a driver and escort.

In addition, Chancery House will continue to offer lunches with the option to join in with the afternoon activities. Admission for lunch will be from 11.30am.

Morning Coffee will no longer be available, except for those visiting the hair salon.

Chancery House Day Care Centre is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

We will not be open for coffee on Saturday mornings.

Barbara Vousden, Chair of the Trustees at Chancery House said –

"As the needs of our clients are changing, we at Chancery House have to adapt to their needs. The changes that are about to take place in the New Year are the result of a careful and considered look at the future needs of an ageing local population. We believe that we can meet those needs at Chancery House. As a self-funding charity set-up over forty years ago to benefit the older people of Bridport - we believe that there is still a need for the service we



provide – a service which is unique in Bridport".

Barbara added that "The Staff and Trustees are committed to ensuring that Chancery House will continue to serve Bridport – for as long as there is a need. However, the demands of the clients are constantly changing and we have no alternative but to adapt to their needs.

We are always in need of local people that share our commitment and if you would like to join the Trustees, please contact us".

For more information contact Julie Hicks, Chancery House Day Care Centre Administrator. 01308-424357 extn 2 or email bridport424@btconnect.com

DAY CARE IN THE HEART OF BRIDPORT

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St Jude's Care looks after clients all over Dorset from Portland to Maiden Newton and Charmouth, Wareham, Poole, Bournemouth and Yeovil. In 2015 St Jude's Care invested in a new fleet of vehicles to ensure that their care employees were able to drive safe reliable vehicles whilst attending clients all over Dorset.

A recent addition to the St Jude's service are freshly cooked meals, prepared locally and delivered on a china plate, hot and ready to enjoy. Many of the existing St Jude's care customers enjoy the variety of freshly prepared meals that are on the menu. Many customers like to give themselves a treat a couple of times a week or simply don't want to cook on a Sunday. St Jude's Catering also provide catering services to social clubs if they have a special gathering. St Jude's Catering are even delivering a freshly prepared Christmas turkey dinner on Christmas day! Full details are available at www.stjudescatering.co.uk

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The festive season is now upon us and with it comes work nights out and an opportunity to catch up with friends and family. **But for all too many, it's tempting to ruin the celebrations by driving home after a couple of drinks.**

IN THE last 50 years road casualties caused by drink driving have fallen dramatically, but in 2014, there were still 240 deaths due to drink driving – accounting for 14% of all road fatalities. By drinking and driving, you risk your life, those of your passengers and others on the road.

Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive.

THE LAW

There are strict alcohol limits for UK drivers: In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the legal alcohol limit for drivers is:

- 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 107 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine

In Scotland (from 5 December 2014) the legal alcohol limit for drivers is lower at:

- 22 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 50 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 67 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine.

However it is not possible to say how much alcohol you can drink and stay below the limit. The way alcohol affects you depends on:

- your weight, age, sex and metabolism (the rate your body uses energy)
- the type and amount of alcohol you're drinking
- what you've eaten recently
- your stress levels at the time

So if you're driving, it's better to have none for the road.



DRINK DRIVING

- Don't drink and drive, the only safe limit is none.
- You can still be over the limit the morning after.
- Drink and drug driving does cost lives.
- Get caught drink driving and you will be treated like any other criminal.
- A drink driving conviction will stay on your licence for 11 years.
- Program a phone number for a licensed taxi company into your mobile phone before you go out.
- If you are caught drink driving you will be required to attend court where you could face a fine, be banned from driving or imprisoned.

THE CONSEQUENCES

There are strict penalties - if you are convicted of drink driving, including:

- A minimum 12 month driving ban
- A criminal record
- A hefty fine
- An endorsement on your license for 11 years

However, this list does not reflect the everyday consequences of being caught drink driving which can include:

- Increase in car insurance costs
- Job loss
- Trouble getting in to countries like the USA
- The shame of having a criminal record
- Loss of independence

The Institute of Advanced Motorists calculate that a drink drive conviction could cost between £20,000 - £50,000 as a result of fines, solicitors fees, increase in car insurance and loss of job.

**YOU DRINK
YOU DRIVE
YOU LOSE**



THINK! Advice

Beware the morning after

You could be over the legal limit many hours after your last drink, even if it's the 'morning after'. Sleep, coffee and cold showers don't help to sober you up - time is the only way to get alcohol out of your system.

There is no excuse for drink driving

"I can handle my drink."

Alcohol affects everybody's driving for the worse. It creates a feeling of overconfidence, makes judging distance and speed more difficult and slows your reactions so it takes longer to stop

"I'm only going down the road."

A large proportion of all drink drive crashes occur within three miles of the start of the journey.

If you're planning to drink alcohol, plan how to get home without driving

Options include agreeing on a designated driver, saving a taxi number to your phone, or finding out about public transport routes and times before you go out.

Don't offer an alcoholic drink to someone you know is planning to drive

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LymeLetters

Searching for relatives from the Hillman family

■ MY name is Graham Cumming, I am a New Zealander, just recently living in the UK with my British partner.

We have been tracing my family history and found that on my maternal side that the family originated from Lyme Regis. We visited Lyme Regis in September and loved it!

We visited the Tourist Information Centre, which was very helpful and the staff answered a lot of our questions and gave us some good contacts. We visited St Michael's Parish Church and found the Hillman family plaques, which was amazing and very touching to stand where they'd stood so long ago.

We know that Robert Hillman (born 1804) was my ancestor and we've followed the line down and know that Robert's son, the Reverend Edward Willis Hillman, was my great, great grandfather.

My great grandfather Neville George emigrated to New Zealand in 1875 and stayed, so there is quite a large family out there excited to hear of their English heritage.

My mother Doreen is in her late 80s so we'd love to be able to fill in a lot of the gaps for her and her two younger sisters.

We'd really be interested in hearing from anyone with any knowledge of the Hillman family, and especially to hear from any descendants of the extended family, we'd love to hear from you.

Graham Cumming
(by email)

■ **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Anyone with information they would like to share on the Hillman family should contact editor Francesca Evans on 01297 446154 who can pass on an email address for Graham.

Art society rounds off successful 2016

LYME Regis Art Society held a well-attended annual general meeting before their last demonstration of the year.

Chairman Sue Wells thanked members for making the society so vibrant, emphasising that its always tries to offer a varied programme providing something for everyone.

David Vickers, the photographer who runs the videoing of demonstrations, received a spontaneous round of appreciative applause for making the visiting artists' work so easy to follow.

Treasurer John Glover and programme secretary Pat Dench, both gave an overview of the year and encouraged members to take part in the exhibitions.

After tea and mince pies, members enjoyed a presentation by artist and speaker Ray Balkwill, who has a long-standing and deep rooted love of the Exe Estuary.

His family, all Devonshire farmers, goes back to the 1600s but Ray started off as a graphic artist for an advertising agency before becoming a full-time painter and then moving into writing. He now has many books published, including collaborative works with other local artists.

Ray also experiments with different media or subjects to avoid getting into a rut and is now working with acrylics - a new venture for him as he was used to working in watercolours with pastels or oils.

Ray always starts his work by sketch-



ing or painting outside and then using the information in his studio to produce a finished painting, although some sketches turn out complete enough to sell.

He enjoys sketching - creating tones with charcoal, pen and wash, marker pen or conte crayon, watercolour and gouache, sometimes on tinted pastel paper.

Ray was a great admirer of the Exmouth painter Charles Danny and had a plaque put up in his name.

A spokesperson for the club said: "He was a very lively and entertaining speaker and the images of his work were a joy to watch."

The art society will now take a Christmas break until January 11th 2017 when it will meet for a demonstration of pastel composition by Richard Turner.

The society meets on alternate Tuesdays in the Woodmead Halls from 2pm to 4pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further details, contact secretary Sheila Stratton on 01297 445464.

View from the churches

MANY of us over the next 10 days or so will be searching for the true "Spirit of Christmas".

There are many ways in which we try to rediscover it - but one of the most powerful ways is through music. As you can imagine, I have an endless stream of carol services or Christmas concerts between now and Christmas Day.

I attended a terrific Christmas concert earlier today at St Michael's Parish Church, performed by Lyme Bay Chorale. Amongst the many scalp tingling moments there were two outstanding pieces - 'Behold, I bring you glad tidings' by Henry Purcell and 'Sir Christemas' by William Mathias. These seem to me to epitomise the true spirit of Christmas: glad tidings of peace and happiness. After a splendid high tea in the hall I left in an excellent mood!

Greg Lake died last week, and I felt the tingly feeling of the Christmas spirit when Radio 4 played his most famous song, 'I Believe in Father Christmas'. Actually, it is a somewhat satirical critique of the over-commercialised loss of the true spirit of Christmas.

"The Christmas we get we deserve," he sings, and hopes it will be full of peace and goodwill, joy and happiness.

I hope and pray that your search for the true spirit of Christmas proves successful also. My suggestion is that a key route to this, I believe, is through music; hopefully through quality music (rather than some of the trivia often played in supermarkets) that has a Christmas message in the inspirational music.

Every church in Lyme Regis has a carol service this coming Sunday, December 18th; so take your pick: 4pm at St Michael's Parish Church, 4pm at Bethany Chapel in Coombe Street, 6pm at Uplyme Church, 6.30pm at the Baptist Church, and 6.30pm at St Andrew's in Charmouth.

Reverend Stephen Skinner,
Team Rector, Golden Cap Team

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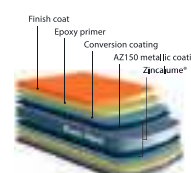
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More fun from the Christmas Pudding Race



THERE were so many photos of the Great Lyme Regis Christmas Pudding Race we couldn't fit them all in last week's *View From Lyme Regis*.

Despite being held on a bitterly cold day, this year's wacky event in aid of Cancer Research UK was deemed one of the best ever by the 11 teams taking part, who enjoyed many of the new Christmas-theme obstacles on the seafront.

It is still unknown how much was raised for charity, as sponsorship is still being collected.

To view all the Christmas Pudding Race photos, visit www.xmaspuddracelymeregis.co.uk



■ ABOVE, the Volly Dollies from the Volunteer Inn are announced as the winners. Below, special guest and Paralympian Paul Blake meets local children Joshua and Jacob Denning



■ BARRY Cunningham of the Evans Elves climbs under a cracker. Below, Nicky Sweetland and Kelly Apps of Lyme Regis Musical Theatre cheer on their teammates



■ TOP left, two-year-old Poppy Edwards meets Frozen princesses Elsa and Anna. Above left, the Volly Dollies warm up before the race and, left, a member of the Dottie Bunch from Dottie Kitchen takes on an obstacle



■ FATHER Christmas arrives on a sleigh pulled by real-life reindeer. Left, a rollerskating Christmas pudding kept the crowds entertained and, far left, the teams battle it out in the race. Photos by RICHARD AUSTIN, ROB COOMBE & GEOFF BAKER

Christmas Gift Ideas

Need help finding the perfect gift for the special lady in your life?

MEN: HOW TO BUY GIFT JEWELLERY FOR WOMEN

HOW do you buy jewellery for women? It's a daunting task. Get it right and she'll love you forever. Buy the wrong thing and this small item loaded with symbolism can put a real dampener on Christmas.

That's why we've put together this expert guide.

PART 1: Knowing what to buy

1. Look at her existing jewellery for ideas: Pay attention to the jewellery she already wears. Does she like small, simple items? Or big, sparkling ones? Is she classic or trendy? Does she wear silvery metals or yellow gold? Does she have pierced ears? What she wears now will tell you what she would like to receive as a gift.

2. Add sentimental value: Apart from style, pick jewellery with personal meaning. For example, a birthstone to symbolise the month she was born. Heart-shaped items and initial necklaces are also great.

3. Don't try to change her style: You might think hoop ear-



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and will just end in disappointment.

4. Watch her window shop: Walk down through a department store together. Observe her to see what type of items make her eyes sparkle.

5. Ask her friends for advice: Her friends or sisters are closest to her in age. If in doubt, they're the best people to advise you. Just make sure they can keep a secret.

6. No rings... unless you're already married or planning to propose! In our culture, when a man gives a woman a ring, thoughts invariably turn to wedding and engagement rings. So unless you already married or actually planning to propose, during the early stages of a relationship it's not a good idea to give your girlfriend a gift ring. Avoid misunderstandings and give her a beautiful bracelet, earrings or a necklace instead.

7. Hold on to the receipt: We can't always get it right, so keep the receipt. All good jewellers have a refund policy, bar some custom made items (do check before you buy).

PART 2: Budget without losing quality

Here are some smart ways to buy her high quality jewellery at an affordable price:

1. Sterling silver: Fine sterling silver jewellery makes a perfect gift for a first Christmas together. By investing in sterling silver you'll get excellent precious metal quality, yet the price will be much lower than gold.

2. Illusion setting: An illusion setting is made from a white metal (usually silver or white gold). It creates a seamless frame around diamonds, making them look much bigger than they actually are.

3. White topaz instead of diamonds: If diamonds are out of your reach, don't go for synthetic stones or glass! Choose white topaz instead. It's a genuine gemstone and sparkles fabulously.

rings are sexy. But if you know she hates big earrings, buying her a pair for Christmas won't convince her to wear them,



4. Gold vermeil: Vermeil is a combination of sterling silver and gold. So you're getting a beautiful gold look with the best possible silver quality.

PART 3: Three sure-fire gifts

In our long experience, there are 3 jewellery gift items you cannot go wrong with:

1. Diamond stud earrings: If she doesn't already have a pair, then this is the perfect gift she can wear any day of the week. (Just check she has pierced ears before buying!) Diamond studs go with any style and outfit, from evening gowns to jeans.

2. Diamond bracelet: This is an item she will get lifelong use out of. Because it's a jewellery classic. Again, it goes with any outfit and suits any taste. A diamond bracelet nestled in a beautiful jewellery box is a gift that will make any girl very happy.

3. Diamond solitaire necklace: If she already has diamond earrings or a bracelet, then a diamond solitaire necklace is a perfect addition to her collection. A solitaire pendant is ideal because it's versatile, suited to both casual and formal occasions, and suits any complexion.

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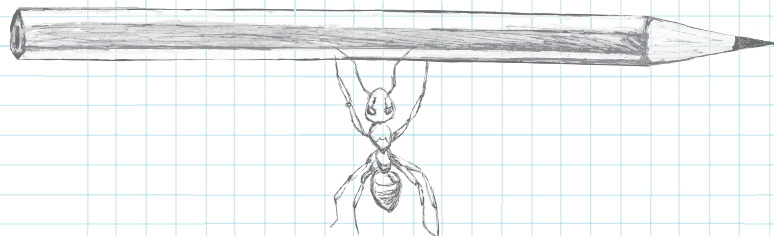
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TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

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Friday 16 Dec
Holy Trinity Church, DORCHESTER
Joglaresa 8pm. Tickets £14 / £12

Saturday 17 Dec
Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Fretworks

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Cadence 9.30pm

Pilot Boat Inn, LYME REGIS
Guitars Around the Tree 7pm - late. £5.

Saturday 18 Dec
Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER
Mad Dog Mcrea 8pm

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Cherry Pickers 4pm

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Andy Williamson and Philip Clouts
8pm. £10.

Friday 23 Dec
Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Something Distant

Saturday 24 Dec
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Vinyl Monkeys 9.30pm

Saturday 31 Dec
The Clockhouse, CHIDEOCK
John De Barra

Guitars around the tree!

WHAT better way to get in the Christmas Spirit than Rocking around the Tree at The Pilot Boat Inn, Lyme Regis?

The Guitars on the Beach Team have put together a night of live music for this Saturday, December 17th, including a Christmas sing-along/strum-along with GOTB band SEAGLES, Cosmic Cafe Lite, Hot Sausage, DeltaTango7, and special guests performances.

Limited tickets are only £5 each (tickets available from The Pilot Boat or Axe Music or email ticketsgotb@icloud.com)

If you are a fan of the big summer event then this will be the perfect warm up. A list of the songs and chords for the evening is below.

<i>Jingle Bells</i>	G
<i>Jingle Bell Rock</i>	A
<i>White Christmas</i>	G
<i>Blue Christmas</i>	G
<i>Here Comes Santa Claus</i>	E
<i>War Is Over</i>	G
<i>Santa Claus is Coming to Town</i>	A
<i>Lonely This Christmas</i>	C
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<i>Merry Christmas Everyone</i>	A
<i>Frosty the Snowman</i>	G
<i>Rocking Around the Christmas Tree</i>	G

We look forward to seeing you!



The venues

To advertise your live music call Rob Coombe on 01297 446146 or email rob.coombe@viewnews.co.uk

THE CROWN INN
WEST BAY ROAD, BRIDPORT

Saturday 17th December, 9.30pm
THE CADENCE

Sunday 18th December, 4.00pm
THE CHERRY PICKERS

Saturday 24th December, 9.30pm
VINYL MONKEYS

www.lemonrock.com/crowninn
Tel 01308 422037



The Nag's Head

Silver St, Lyme Regis
Tel 01297 442312

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 17th December
FRETWORKS

Sunday 18th December
CHRISTMAS JUMPER PARTY
BUG TREE SWAMP 4-7PM

CHRISTMAS SHOTS, MULLED WINE,
CHEESE CLUB, MINCE PIES

Friday 23rd December
SOMETHING DISTANT

www.nagsheadlymeregis.co.uk

GUITARS ON THE BEACH
PRESENTS
Rocking Around The Christmas Tree
Saturday 17th December
7pm till late at the Pilot Boat Inn, Lyme Regis
A Festive Fundraiser for Guitars On The Beach 2017
BRING YOUR GUITAR AND PLAY ALONG TO
Lonely This Christmas
Rocking around the Christmas tree
Merry Christmas (War is over)
and many more...
www.guitarsonthebeach.com

A Legend Reborn

THROUGH 1957 to 1959 one man changed the face of music, revolutionising the meaning of Rock 'N' Roll – Buddy Holly.

Buddy Holly - A Legend Reborn is the all new production for 2017, celebrates the Buddy Brilliance of an artist who shot straight into the lime light as soon as That'll Be The Day hit the radio. Though his career was short, this one-man power house gave the world a stack of hits that will never be forgotten.

Join Buddy Holly - A Legend Reborn to relive the Rockin' 50s Music scene with hits such as Peggy Sue, Oh Boy, Heartbeat, It Doesn't Matter Anymore, Words of Love, It's So Easy, Rave On and many more.

The show comes to Weymouth's Pavilion Theatre on Saturday, February 18th at 7.30pm. For more details visit www.weymouthpavilion.com



Enchanting festive vocals from the Joglaresa ensemble

THE ENCHANTING Joglaresa will be performing a festive concert at Holy Trinity Church on Friday, December 16th. This female vocal group will be performing nowells, wassails and Christmas lullabies, accompanying themselves on fidel, harp, bells, bagpipes and percussion.

The ensemble have been playing together

since 1992, now well-established, they are known for their imaginative interpretation of early music.

The combination of their differing upbringings in traditional Irish, English, Maghrebi, Balkan and Middle Eastern music has influenced their work which focuses on connecting ancient and traditional music to create a 'fusion' of these styles to create a homogenous sound. Several members of the group have spent years in North Africa and the Middle East absorbing the best traditional tunes, learning the local languages (Arabic and Hebrew). Joglaresa have performed at many prestigious venues and festivals, including the Aldeburgh Festival, York Early Music Festival, the Queen Elizabeth Hall (London) and numerous radio broadcasts - the world over...

This Christmas performance promises to be a truly memorable and festive occasion not to be missed.

Tickets are £14, £12 for members and concessions, available from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk, or by calling 01305 266926.



Joglaresa

Jazz in the Bar

Andy Williamson and Philip Clouts to serve up a pre-Christmas treat



Andy Williamson and Philip Clouts

MULTI-SAX player and vocalist Andy Williamson will appear at Jazz in the Bar at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday, December 18th. He is known for blowing exceptionally good tunes on the sax and for his repertoire of somewhat risqué old blues songs.

Andy has played with his own bands the Honkin' Hep Cats and Big Buzzard Boogie Band on BBC Radios 2, 3 & 4 and at Buckingham Palace; as a sideman with Tom Robinson and Martha Reeves & the Vandellas; and sung duets with Suggs from Madness (taking the place of the then recently departed Ian Dury).

He created 'Plainsong For the Planet' to provide a non-liturgical way for anyone to perform Gregorian Chant, and set up the Jazz Activists - a loose group of musicians who perform at political demonstrations around liberty and the destruction of our ecosystem. He also devised a course with Junior Lanian on Jazz structure and Improvisation for Tap Dancers.

In 2010, Andy joined the Denbone Walkers, with guitarist Denny Ilett, celebrating the centenary of

T-Bone Walker. He also co-founded 'The Organ Grinders' with keyboard player Maff Potts (after Maff donated one of his kidneys to Andy in 2007), with the aim of encouraging more people to join the UK Organ Donor Register. Andy also performs regularly with poet Matt Harvey, recently taking the Bridport Literary Festival by storm.

Andy has performed ambitious works with large ensembles at the Bristol Jazz festival; a while ago it was Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert, and this year the Gershwin Spectacular, a jazz oratorio featuring vocalist Jacqui Dankworth.

His versatile style on saxophones (alto, tenor and baritone) and voice creates an interesting, eclectic and highly enjoyable performance, which will be complemented by Philip Clouts at the piano.

Andy Williamson and Philip Clouts play at Jazz In The bar on Sunday, December 18th at the Marine Theatre, Church Street from 8pm. Tickets are £10, available from the Box Office by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marinetheatre.com

Journey to The Tin Forest

PUPPETCRAFT present *The Tin Forest* at the Marine Theatre from Monday 26th to Thursday, December 29th.

The company returns to Lyme Regis following the sold out performance of *Monkey* last year at The Marine Theatre!

The Tin Forest is a puppet show based on the book by Helen Ward, illustrated by Wayne Anderson, published by Templar.

An old man lives in a dreary junkyard, full of other people's broken and unwanted junk. He dreams that one day his world will be full of life, colour and sound. His wish is about to come true...

The Tin Forest is an uplifting, humorous and touching show, full of visual invention, puppetry and musical fun...with mechanical birds, a wind-up cir-

cus and exotic animals of all shapes and sizes.

The show has no words, but has a soundscape of live music played on hurdy gurdy, dulcimer, harp, music box and piles of rubbish.

The show is suitable for all ages.

For more details, see the advert below.

Puppets tell the story of Jack Frost

A MAGICAL, wintery production brings Jack Frost to life through puppetry, live music and enchanting storytelling.

Jack has no idea that his ability to freeze everything he touches is spreading havoc wherever he goes and causing all sorts of problems in the village. One day a small girl spots him out the corner of her eye and Jack is no longer alone. A story of friendship and bravery to warm our hearts this winter.

Moon On A Stick transform the stage once more to reimagine this well-known Nordic legend. A playful production perfect for children.

Jack Frost will be per-

formed at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, December 21st, 2-4pm.

Full price: £8, concessions; £6.



Christmas Holidays at THE marine theatre

LYME REGIS • DORSET



Puppetcraft presents

The Tin Forest

Monday 26th until Thursday 29th December

Full price: £8.00.

Concessions: £6.00 in advance, or plus £2 on the door. (11am/3pm/5pm)

A heart-warming puppet show for all the family with wooden puppets and live music.

Box Office: Lyme Regis TIC 01297 442138
or buy online at www.marinetheatre.com

This week's new cinema

ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY ^{12A}
JYN ERSO, a Rebellion soldier and criminal, is about to experience her biggest challenge yet when Mon Mothma sets her out on a mission to steal the plans for the Death Star. With help from the Rebels, a master swordsman, and non-allied forces, Jyn will be in for something bigger than she thinks.

Stars Felicity Jones, Diego Luna and Alan Tudyk.

THE EAGLE HUNTRESS ^U

THE Eagle Huntress follows Aisholpan, a 13-year-old girl, as she trains to become the first female in twelve generations of her Kazakh family to become an eagle hunter.

Stars Aisholpan Nurgaiv and narrate by Daisy Ridley.

ARMY OF ONE ¹⁵

AN American civilian sets out on his own to find Osama Bin Laden.

Stars Nicolas Cage, Denis O'Hare, Russell Brand and Wendi McLendon-Covey.

Cinema Listings

Fri, Nov 16th - Thu, Nov 22nd

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DORCHESTER PLAZA
Tel: 01305 262488
www.plazadorchester.com

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them 2D ^{12A}

Fri: 14.00, 17.30, Sat: 10.15, 14.00, 17.30, Sun: 11.30, 15.00
Mon-Thur: 11.30, 14.45

Moana ^{PG}

Fri: 13.30, 16.30, Sat: 10.00, 10.45, 17.15, 20.30, 23.15, 23.45
15.00, Mon-Thur: 10.45am

Office Christmas Party ¹⁵

Fri & Sat: 20.45, 23.30
Sun-Thur: 18.00, 21.00

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story 2D ^{12A}

Fri: 9.00, 10.30, 13.00, 13.45, 17.15, 20.30, 23.15, 23.45
Sat: 3.25am, 10.30, 13.00, 13.45, 17.15, 20.30, 23.15, 23.45

Sun: 3.25am, 10.30, 13.00, 13.45, 17.15, 20.30

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story 3D ^{12A}

Daily: 16.30, 20.00

Sully ^{12A}

Fri: 19.30, 22.00
Sat: 19.15, 22.00
Sun-Thur: 18.15, 20.45, Wed & Thur: 18.15

WEYMOUTH CINEWORLD

Tel: 0871 200 2000 • www.cineworld.co.uk

Allied ¹⁵

Fri-Tue: 16.50

Ballerina ^U

Mon-Tue: 10.10, 13.30
Wed-Thur: 10.00, 12.15

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them 2D ^{12A}

Daily: 11.20, 14.30, 17.30, 20.30

Moana 2D ^U

Fri-Tue: 11.30, 12.30, 14.10, 15.15, 18.00
Wed-Thur: 11.30, 13.00, 14.10, 15.40, 17.00

Office Christmas Party ¹⁵

Fri-Sat: 13.30, 16.00, 18.40, 21.10
Sun: 13.10, 18.50, 21.10

Mon-Tue: 16.00, 18.40

Passengers 2D ^{TBC}

Wed-Thur: 12.30, 15.15, 18.00, 20.45

Passengers 3D ^{TBC}

DORCHESTER ODEON
Tel: 0871 22 44 007
www.odeon.co.uk

Ballerina ^U

Tue: 13.00, Wed & Thu: 10.00am

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them 2D ^{12A}

Fri-Mon: 19.45, Tue: 17.45

Kubo and The Two Strings ^{PG}

Daily: 10.00am

Moana ^{PG}

Fri-Sun: 9.30, 12.15, 15.00

Mon: 12.15, 15.00

Tue: 11.15, 15.15

Wed & Thu: 12.10, 13.30, 16.15

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

3D ^{12A}

Daily: 19.00

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

2D ^{12A}

Fri-Mon: 10.15, 12.15, 14.00,

15.30, 17.15, 20.30, 20.45

Plus Fri & Sat: 22.15, 23.45

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Don't Let it Go by...

AFTER such an enchanting afternoon back in February with Elsa, Anna and the crew, Dorchester Arts decided to do it all over again this season. Disney's *Frozen* will be shown on the big screen once more here at the Corn Exchange so all fans, both young and old are invited to come and sing along to one of the most charming animations the world has seen.

A perfect Christmas treat for the whole family to enjoy whatever the weather – but hey... the cold never bothered us anyway...

The *Frozen* Singalong comes to Dorchester Corn Exchange on Tuesday, December 20th. Doors open 1.30pm, film 2pm. Tickets are £4, available by calling 01305 266926 or online at the website www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

West Gallery Carols for Winter



WITH THEIR roots in the South Dorset Ridgeway, and inspired by the rich sources of locally collected folk songs and West Gallery carols, The Ridgeway Singers and Band led by Tim Laycock and Phil Humphries have once again tuned their fiddles and voices to present a joyous celebration of Christmas past and present this winter.

Sung by village choirs in English country churches from the 18th century onwards, West Gallery music's demise was brought about by the innovations of the organ and harmonium, and the accompanying musicians who played the fiddle, the cello and the serpent might have been no more than a footnote in history, if it hadn't been for this style of popular music being recorded by writers such as Thomas Hardy, the traditional music he knew as a boy, and the wonderful stories and poems in which he evoked the singers and musicians who performed it.

This seasonal programme will include 'Hark Hark', a West Gallery carol from Hinton St Mary, a Wassail collected by Thomas Hardy in Melbury Osmund, and a new song 'In Praise of Apples' by choir member Anna Everleigh. With the atmospheric 'Green Man Song' and some sparkling instrumental pieces and midwinter stories, plus a few Ridgeway favourites, expect a great seasonal celebration of all things Dorset.

The Ridgeway Singers perform at St Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury on Sunday, December 18th at 3pm. For more details call 01305 871532.

Visit **DORCHESTER MARKET**
every Wednesday 8am-2pm

and **DORCHESTER CAR BOOT**
every Sunday 7am-1pm
at Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester DT1 1QS

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UNTIL JANUARY 2ND

LYME REGIS: The Christmas Art Exhibition is a festive show of recent 2D and 3D work by local artists who are members of Town Mill Arts. It is full of inspiring and enticing paintings, sculptures, drawings, pottery, textiles, jewellery and books, ideal for that special Christmas present. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU www.townmillarts.co.uk

LYME REGIS: Pop Up Vintage is the sixth annual showcase for the up-cycling work of Jan Calow and Mandy Wiscombe, who spend all year sourcing, making, repairing, cleaning and renovating their stock of competitively priced vintage gifts, highly suitable for Secret Santas. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU www.townmillarts.co.uk

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH

WEST BAY, NEAR BRIDPORT: Christmas concert in St John's Church, West Bay at 7.30pm. by West Dorset Community Orchestra, conductor Walter Brewster, and Local Vocals, director Lesley Whatley. Carols for the audience. Wine and mince pies will be served during the interval. A raffle and a retiring collection.

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: Indoor Bowls. Have a go, good fun. 7.15, 9.45pm. £1.60. Tea and biscuits. At Woodmead Halls.

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road holding a special Christmas coffee pop in. Do come along and enjoy Christmas festivities and a very warm welcome. Anytime between 9.30am and 12noon.

DORCHESTER: Classic Christmas film 'It's a Wonderful Life' showing at Evergreens Cinema at Age UK Dorchester. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served for £1.50, ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Country Dancing every Friday, 2-4pm, admission £2.10 including tea and biscuits. For more details call 01297 34326.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Christmas Party at Woodmead Halls, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH

WEYMOUTH: The Wey Valley Recreational Gymnastics Club from 10.30am to 1.00pm. The Club provides Gymnastic skills & techniques for children aged from 5 to 14 years of age. For further details contact the Club secretary, Don J Whistance, on either 0785924638 / don.whistance@icloud.com / or Facebook via 'The Weymouth And Portland Recreational Gymnastics Club'

WEYMOUTH: Weymouth Choral Society annual Christmas Concert, to be held at St John's Church. The society will be joined by Dorset Sinfonia. Concert starts 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (under 16s free), available from Harmony Music (Dorchester), Weymouth Pavilion, by calling 07712 135150, weymouthchoralsociety.org.uk, or at the door.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM: The Watkins and Swabrick Band play at Whitchurch Canonicum Village Hall, doors 7.30pm, music 8pm. Pay what you like at the end of the show. Seat reservations essential 01305 837299

DORCHESTER: Three Choirs' Christmas Concert with songs, carols and readings for young and old, at 4pm at St George's Church, Fordington. The three choirs - Viva (Women's choir), Heart & Soul (Poundbury Singers) and Sylarks (Children's Choir) will be directed by Kathie Prince, accompanied by Sue Massey. Tickets on the door £6, children free (doors open at 3.40pm). In aid of Dorset County Hospital Cancer Appeal. Please come along for some festive entertainment and to support the cause.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: The RNLI annual Christmas & Songs will take place at the George Hotel, West Bay, courtesy of Christophe Dupuy, at 7pm for 7.30pm. This very popular event will be led by members of the Bridport based folk band, 'Acoustic Rooster'. Complementary Mince Pies and a Christmas Raffle will add to the festive fun. Early arrival is advised.

ABBOTSBURY: West Gallery Carol Concert by The Ridgeway Singers and Band, led by Phil Humphries

and Tim Laycock at St Nicholas Church, 3pm. Hosted by The Friends of St Nicholas). Tickets £7, £6 u18s, £24 family (2+2) or the door or in advance by calling 01305 871532 (9am-6pm, cash or cheque). Mince pies, soft drinks and mince pies included. Limited space - early booking advised.

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church invite you to Carols by Candlelight. This will be at 6pm. This will include familiar carols, nativity and our own 'Puppets'. Join us as we celebrate Christmas.

MONDAY DECEMBER 19TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: The Galley (formerly Beach & Barnicott) are offering a subsidised Christmas lunch for anyone seeking some festive cheer and companionship over this period. Open to all ages, singles or couples. Tickets are £9.50 for a Christmas lunch with optional pudding extra. Booking essential; call 01308 455688.

MONDAY DEC 19TH - WEDNESDAY DEC 21ST EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: Intensive Christmas Swimming Courses at Highlands End. Various courses for differing abilities - rising 4 year olds; beginners with buoyancy aids; competitive swimmers; rookie life-savers course - something for everyone. Details Penny Yarnold 07970879047 or Andrea Dabbs 07873 723471.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

CROSSWAYS: Christmas Craft and Gift Fair at Crossways Youth & Community Centre Old Farm Way, 10am-4.30pm. Free entry with a donation bucket for the centre. Lots of stalls with many great Christmas gift ideas, plus refreshments and homemade cakes. Raffle with great prizes. Money raised will go to the new charity that has taken over the running of the centre.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21ST

EYPE, BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society meeting at Highlands End Leisure Centre. A Musical Celebration of the Christmas Season' with speaker Sarah Deere-Jones. 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

DORCHESTER: HMP Dorchester Reunion at the Trinity Club, 7pm til midnight. Live music, disco, raffle and buffet. All former employees welcome. Tickets available on a first come first served basis and are £5 per head, payable in advance. For more details and tickets please email dorchesterprisonreunion@yahoo.com

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road holding a special Christmas coffee pop in. Do come along and enjoy Christmas festivities and a very warm welcome. Anytime between 9.30am and 12noon.

MONDAY JANUARY 9TH

BEAMINSTER: Moviola presents 'Absolutely Fabulous the movie' at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton (01308 862715) weekdays 9.30-12.30, and Saturdays 9.30-1pm. Or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, or £5.50 on the door.

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biondanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biondanza-bridport.co.uk

SUNDAY JANUARY 15TH

BRIDPORT: Allington Strings New Year Concert at 3pm at Sir John Colfox Academy, Ridgeway. Arturo Serna conducts the Allington Strings in a programme of light classical favourites including Pachelbel's Canon, Bach's Double Violin Concerto, Mozart's Divertimento no 2, Mendelssohn's Sinfonia No1, Gershwin's Love Walked In and Percy Grainger's Mock Morris. Tickets £10 (under 18's free) available on the door or in advance from Bridport Music.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Story of Sutton Hoo Ship Burial' speaker Mark Cottle. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

Mark Ronson announced as first Camp Bestival 2017 headliner

All Saints, Leftfield, Louisa Johnson and more also on the bill

CAMP BESTIVAL'S recently announced Pop Stars & Rock Stars theme is getting everyone excited, and the epic tenth anniversary bash is already set to be unforgettable, with an unbeatable combo of music, themed activities and family sensations, all at a castle campsite by the sea. This is just the first wave of acts for 2017, so you'd be mad to miss out on the best festi-holiday ever at Lulworth Castle next July.

Curator Rob da Bank says: "Calling all budding pop stars,

rock stars and divas! Welcome to our first announcement of Camp Bestival 2017 - from the funk pop maestro Mark Ronson through The Bootleg Beatles, the dubby techno majesty of Leftfield and our mates Dick and Dom right up to what should be a showstopper with a UK festival exclusive of Andrew Lloyd Webber's new musical, School of Rock on the main stage. Rock on!"

Mark Ronson is unquestionably the king of pop right now, so we're delighted to announce

he will be headlining the Castle stage on Friday night. The A-list's favourite DJ, Mark's set will be a non-stop hit parade from Amy Winehouse to Bruno Mars, so make sure you pack your dancing shoes and feel like a pop star at Mark's own Camp Bestival house party!

And we can reveal our first big kids show for 2017 - yes, it's School of Rock - The Musical! Don't miss this very special appearance from the cast of Andrew Lloyd Webber's amazing new musical based on the classic 2003 film.

There's plenty more pop goodness with main stage appearances from the 90s' coolest girl band, All Saints, Frankie Goes to Hollywood icon Holly Johnson, techno lords Leftfield, X Factor 2015 winner Louisa Johnson and the world's most fab-tastic tribute band, The Bootleg Beatles.

But Camp is all about the kids and we have tons of entertainment, including Camp Bestival legend Mr Tumble, the return of Historic Royal Palaces' Tudors on Tour, TV tearaways Dick and Dom, who will be making an exclusive main stage appearance and rocking the Silent Disco, and the inimitable DJ BBQ who will host The Feast Collective. We'll also have loads of fun stuff including a Giant Kids' Disco with the World's Largest Disco Ball, and the inaugural UK Festival Air Guitar Championships.

Dick and Dom say: "So, we've had enough of Rob da Bank hanging around our front door begging us to come back, so... WE'RE BACK!!! 2017 will see us being flipping ace on the main stage (as usual) making people laugh (and cry (as usual)) and... and... AND, it's 'DICK V DOM' on the decks for the silent disco.

If you're looking for some proper hands in the air moments, Camp Bestival's favourite disco destination Bollywood will be playing host to the likes of beat vagabond Skream, reggae and dance hall deity David Rodigan, who will present Ram Jam, and old school rave pioneers Raindance. Plus, we'll have essential rave preparation for the youth courtesy of Big Fish Little Fish.

Time is running out if you want to buy Early Bird tickets, General Admission tickets go on sale on Friday 9th December at 10am, so grab your Early Bird tickets today! And don't forget Camping Plus, Backstage VIP Camping and Hospitality Camping tickets are on sale now.

And there's plenty of festive fun to be had with our ace Camp Bestival Advent Calendar, too.

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there's plenty more music, kids entertainment and family attractions to be announced, including two more headliners and lots more pop, rock and

dance, so keep your eyes peeled for more info coming soon and keep checking www.campbestival.net and our Facebook and Twitter for all the latest info.

All aboard to see Santa!

SANTA will be visiting Pecorama in Beer from Saturday, December 17th until Wednesday, December 21st every day between 11am and 5pm.

There will be train rides, delicious festive food, an indoor Christmas market with artisan handmade gifts, cards, and jewellery, indoor soft play, beautiful gardens and of course, Father Christmas and his helper elves. Also, there will be snow!

For just £10 children aged 16 and under can enjoy a train ride on the Pecorama Santa Special then be taken by helper elves to meet Santa and receive a Christmas gift, followed by indoor soft play for those aged 12 and under in the famous Pecorama Play Station!

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It was just one of those weeks so you have to laugh ...

Victor Hugo once wrote "Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face" and the acclaimed author of *Les Misérables* could easily have been writing about my experiences over the last week.

You know the sort? One of those weeks, in which if you don't laugh you'll go mad (well, even more mad). I started the week off by tripping up the garden steps and onto my face (my chin now resembles a supermarket value pizza!) and things pretty much continued in the same vein throughout.

After fending off a barrage of banter from my colleagues about my gnarly appearance, I ventured down to Exeter's Northcott Theatre to see their Christmas production of *Peter Pan*. A semi-profes-

sional show, which sadly was more like the West End production of *Peter Pan Goes Wrong* than the heart warming family fairytale; such was the level of technical inadequacy.

Poor old Peter got caught up in a window when he first tried to fly and had to be rescued by a burly stagehand. He then had to play the rest of the flying scene by jumping up and down on a bed, which was highly amusing for the audience, but not entirely what the director had in mind for the straight play.

I did feel sorry for the poor actor, but the continuous risk of misadventure is what makes live theatre so exciting. Having been part of numerous amateur productions, I know this only too well. In fact, I've endured some howlers. I once answered a phone onstage to a

fart sound effect and when I was in the *Witches of Eastwick* last year in Exmouth, I kicked a glass onto the front row of the audience.

The absolute classic has to be however, when a sofa imploded trapping four cast members within it. We were left stuck, in more ways than one.

I've seen lots of hilarious catastrophes in the West End too, including costume malfunctions, mid show cast changes and on one occasion, when I was watching my favourite musical *Wicked*, the witch failed to fly (I have seen the show twenty times, so I guess statistically it had to happen at some point).

Hardcore fans of the big shows love it when they witness mistakes and wear a 'no-fly' or a 'witch switch' as a badge of honour.

South West Trains seemed to be in on the

joke this week too, as my initial attempt to get on the capital was thwarted by a signal failure (you've got to laugh!), which meant I managed to fit in another rehearsal for my next stage foray in Axminster and let's face it, on past form, I need as much practice as I can get!

After yet another family funeral (2016 has been filled with bereavement both within the celebrity and my own world), I eventually made it to London and popped over to Soho to see my friend Richard Hadfield doing his first ever solo gig.

Up until earlier this year he was part of the musical theatre vocal group Collabro, which won Britain's Got Talent 2014.

After interviewing Richard while he was in the band, I spent a lovely evening with the singer and his girlfriend at a Strictly Come Dancing party (he is hoping to appear on the TV show in the future) and our friendship blossomed from there.

His lovely girlfriend Roxy is a celebrity stylist and has recently been working with Harry Potter star, Daniel Radcliffe. We spent a fab afternoon chatting and eating pizza, while Richard filled the central London cabaret venue with some glorious swinging refrains.

Musical theatre legend Elaine Paige sang on Strictly Come Dancing last weekend and I've been invited to her one off concert at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane.



Richard Hadfield - filled the central London cabaret venue with his first solo gig

Due to my schedule however, I'm unable to attend and after watching her performance on the results show, I can't say I'm too disheartened, as I fear the diva is a little past her sell by date.

I've met Elaine a couple of times and she's really nice, but a bit plastic looking when you see her up close (maybe I should have got some tips on how to cover up my unsightly facial scar!).

To top off a ruinous week, my attempt to officially visit the new musical *Dreamgirls* was cancelled due to cast illness. Luckily I can get my review written in time for the Christmas deadlines thanks to sneaking in a couple of weeks ago and I should get the chance to see it again soon.

The show stars Amber Riley, who gained fame after performing in the TV series *Glee*. Fans of the hit television show

won't be disappointed by Riley's performance; her vocal gymnastics are absolutely phenomenal.

◆ Next week I'm interviewing Max Caulfield, who musical fans will remember from the film *Grease 2*. He's just started rehearsals for a new show called *Death Takes a Holiday*, which will open at the Charing Cross Theatre in January.

I'm also off to the London Palladium to see Cinderella with

an all-star cast and to the Arts Theatre to review Simon Carroll in *A Christmas Carol*, both of which, I'm sure, will fill me with festive fun and laughter.

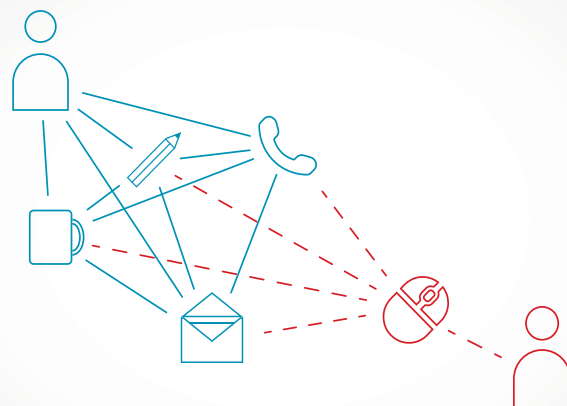
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Dream Girls Amber Riley and Lilly Frazer at The Savoy Theatre

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Property View

HOME GIFTS - HOME SHOPPING

By Gabrielle Fagan, Press Association

DON'T leave your home off the Christmas list - indulge rooms with treats which will make them look special during the holiday and beyond.

And if you're feeling really generous, items for the home could make wonderful presents. Unsure where to begin? We've asked the experts to unwrap their home gift-buying tactics...

MAGIC TOUCH

"When I'm looking for beautiful home accessories to give as Christmas gifts, I often choose items that can be used long after the festive period is over," says Julia Kendell, DIY and design expert for Homebase (homebase.co.uk)

"Candle holders, decorative glassware and table decorations make lovely gifts, and as they're often inexpensive, they're a great option if you're working to a budget. These can be lovely secret Santa gifts too!

"If you are seeing family and friends with young children ahead of Christmas, I think it's really special to gift items which help welcome the arrival of Santa and inject that magic, festive spirit. Why not give a decorative plate and mug for Santa's mince pie and milk, or a special pot for Rudolph's treats?"

:: Sagaform Wine Carafe With Oak Stopper, £23, Cloudberry Living (0330 123 3301/cloudberryliving.co.uk)

:: Kitchencraft Copper Effect Salt and Pepper Mills, £7 each, available in stores, Sainsbury's (sainsburys.co.uk)

:: Bloomingville White And Gold Triangles Votives, currently reduced to £27 from £30 for set of two, House of Fraser (0870 160 7270/houseoffraser.co.uk)

:: Midnight Black Wine Glass, from £6.90 each; Midnight Red Wine Glass, from £9.90 each, Red Candy (0121 224 7728/redcandy.co.uk)



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TEXTURE AND SHINE

"A great gift will stand the test of time. Of the gifts I've received for my home, my favourite was a wonderful, chunky knitted throw. It's perfect for snuggling under but also looks great year-round as an additional texture for our living room," says Jenny Hurren, founder of Out There Interiors (outthereinteriors.com).

"My top buys for this year are simple lanterns - ideal for the fussiest of friends - and vases, because frankly you can never have too many. For pizzazz and stand-out factor, our large, gold Balka Hanging Balloon Decoration [£42] would be a statement to liven up any room, and perfect for a party."

:: Wave Multi-Coloured Striped Ceramic Vase, £35; Rezzo Yellow Small Patterned Vase, £30; Fenick Multi-Coloured Tall Vase, £20, Habitat (0344 499 4686; www.habitat.co.uk)

:: Chinon Table Lamp in Black, £79, Pasx (020 3141 8680/pasx.co.uk)

:: Gold Patterned Glass Tumblers, £30 for set of two, MIAfleur (www.miafleur.com)



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CLUB TOGETHER

"It's lovely to give someone a luxury present for their home that they've always wanted but might not be able to buy for themselves, and it's a nice idea if family or friends club together for that ultimate gift," says Sam Hood, creative director and founder of Amara (amara.com).

"A beautiful clock or a luxurious throw for a bed are both items which can be appreciated all year round and set the style for a room."

:: Diamantini & Domeniconi Chalet Wall Clock, in birch and copper leaf, £282, Amara (0800 587 7645/amara.com)



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STYLISH ADDITIONS

"It can be hard choosing a gift for someone else's home, but the easiest way is to consider their taste," says Andrew Tanner, design manager for Home at Sainsbury's.

"If they love bright colours and pattern, go for bold and vibrant textiles and accessories, or if they favour glamour and glitter, choose chic metallic pieces in on-trend bronze or copper that bring warmth to the room. Natural materials are always popular, and earthy tones, contemporary marble or timeless glass pieces will fit well in most settings."

:: Bear Sham, £79, Lexington Company (lexingtoncompany.com)

:: Sainsbury's Collection Copper Triply Stockpot With Copper Lid, £60; Copper Coated Measuring Cups, £6, Sainsbury's (sainsburys.co.uk)

:: Silver Aluminium Platter, £79, Sweetpea & Willow (0345 257 2627/sweetpeaandwillow.com)

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FUN, frugal and now driving all four wheels for optimal all-weather performance – the ever-popular TT 2.0 TDI with its blend of compelling pace and level-headed economy is now also available with the reassurance of quattro drive. Coupe and Roadster versions of the new TT 2.0 TDI quattro will become available for UK ordering early in 2017 and will reach their first customers here next spring.

The new quattro-equipped duo will complement the existing front-wheel-driven TT 2.0 TDI ultra models, which will continue alongside them. Where these are equipped exclusively with six-speed manual transmission, the new 2.0 TDI quattro variants use a six-speed S tronic twin-clutch transmission without exception.

The quattro drive uses an electro-hydraulic multi-plate

clutch to distribute the torque to both axles. In many everyday driving situations, it will direct the engine's power predominantly to the front wheels. Should traction decrease there, the clutch continuously redirects the torque to the rear within a few milliseconds.

At the limit, the quattro system operates in tandem with wheel-selective torque control, an intelligent software feature of the Electronic Stabilization Control (ESC). This makes handling even more fluid and stable thanks to targeted, accurately metered brake applications to the wheels on the inside of the bend. On low-friction surfaces, the permanent all-wheel drive system even allows safe, controlled drifts.

quattro integrated into Audi drive select

The clutch management is in-

tegrated into the Audi drive select dynamic handling system which is a standard feature of all UK specification TT models. This allows the driver to select Comfort, Auto, Dynamic, Efficiency and Individual modes which modify the character of their TT. As well as governing the all-wheel-drive system, Audi drive select influences throttle response, steering assistance and S tronic transmission shift points. It also integrates several optional modules such as the Audi magnetic ride adaptive damper control and the deluxe automatic air conditioning.

The compelling performance of the Audi TT stems from its combination of quattro drive and the refined flow of power from the four-cylinder diesel engine. Its 184PS output is combined with plentiful torque of 380 Nm (280.3 lb-ft) available between 1,750 and 3,250 rpm.

The common rail system injects the fuel through eight-hole nozzles at up to 2,000 bar. The high pressure paves the way for fine atomisation, making the combustion process efficient and low on emissions. The inter-cooler is located in the intake manifold module. Along with the compact design, this arrangement achieves short gas paths, effective control processes and therefore instantaneous response coupled with high efficiency.

The TT Coupé 2.0 TDI quattro S tronic accelerates from 0 to 62mph in 6.7 seconds and goes on to clock up a top speed of 145mph. The Roadster accomplishes the standard sprint in 7.0 seconds and continues to a top speed of 142mph. In the Coupé, the 2.0 TDI quattro S tronic achieves fuel consumption of 54.3mpg according to the NEDC measuring method,

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Even before the introduction of the new 2.0 TDI quattro S tronic models, the world renowned quattro system was already the choice of one in

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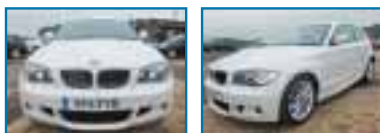
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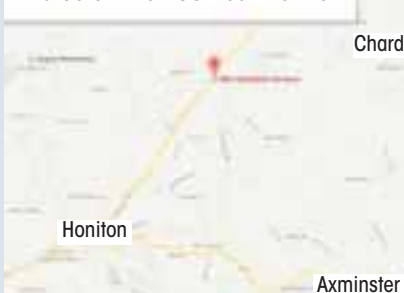
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As they stand

Lyme in senior cup quarter final

Beaminsters title hopes receive set back - Ambers edge away from drop zone - Late penalty ends Seasiders County Cup hopes

Toolstation Premier	Pld	Pts
Bristol Manor Farm	20	51
Street	20	45
Melksham Town	19	43
Buckland Athletic	18	39
Willand Rovers	19	39
Bradford Town	20	37
Odd Down	19	33
Cribbs	20	29
Chipping Sodbury	20	26
Wells City	20	26
Gillingham Town	19	25
Cadbury Heath	17	25
Shepton Mallet	21	25
Clevedon Town	20	24
Bristolport	17	23
BRIDPORT	18	19
BRITON	19	14
Longwell Green	20	13
Sherborne Town	20	9
Hallen	20	4

Dorset Premier	Pld	Pts
Balti Sports	17	40
Holt Utd	14	36
Swanage & Hordston	15	33
Westland Sports	17	32
Hamworthy Recreation	16	32*
Dorchester Sports	16	29
Parley Sports	14	23
Gillingham Town Res	14	22
Merley Cobham Sports	12	21
BRIDPORT RES	17	20
Blandford Utd	15	17
Wareham Rangers	14	15
Sturminster Newton Utd	14	14
Mere Town	17	14
Hamworthy Utd Res	17	11
Sherborne Town Res	15	8
Cranborne	16	3

D&E Division 1	Pld	Pts
Cronies FC	9	25
Colyton	10	22
LYME REGIS	9	19
Exeter University Res	11	19
Sidmouth Town Res	10	15
Exmouth Town Reserves	9	14
Wetheridge Reserves	9	12
Alphington Reserves	9	10
Willand Rovers Res	12	9
Wellington Reserves	11	8
Bickleigh	10	2

D&E Division 6	Pld	Pts
Winkleigh	10	27
Exwick Village	11	25
Offwell Rangers	11	18
LYME REGIS RES	10	18
Hemyock	9	16
Central FC	7	15
Tivvy Park Rangers	10	13
Elmore Reserves	10	13
Halwell Reserves	11	12
Dunkeswell Rovers	10	11
Stoke Hill	8	8
Hatherleigh Reserves	11	5
Silverton	12	5

Perry Street Premier	Pld	Pts
Beaminsters	9	25
Shepton Beauchamp	8	20
South Petherton	8	17
Winham Utd	9	16
Barrington	7	15
West & Middle Chinnock	8	13
Chard Utd	7	8
Netherbury	9	3
Combe Reserves	7	2*
Drumpton	10	0

Perry St Div 1 (18)	Pld	Pts
Merriott Rovers	6	14
Forton Rangers	7	14
Pymore	6	14
Hawkechurch Utd	5	10
Ilminster Town Colts	6	7
Shepton Beauchamp Res	5	6
Uplymere	6	5
Combe A	5	4
Waytown Hounds	4	3
South Petherton Reserves	6	1

Perry St Div 2 (18)	Pld	Pts
Chard Rangers	9	27
Farway Utd	10	20
Winham Utd Reserves	9	19
Halstock	6	15
Charmouth	8	15
Thorncombe	10	8
Crewkerne Rangers	7	6
Dowlish & Donnyatt	6	6
Kingsbury Episcopi	10	6
Chard Utd Reserves	7	0

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Forton Rangers Reserves	8	21
Uplymere Reserves	9	21
Misterton Reserves	8	20
Crewkerne Rangers Res	11	19
Ilminster Town A	10	15
Merriott Dynamos	13	13
Thorncombe Reserves	10	13
Lyme Regis Rovers	10	11
Farway Utd Reserves	11	10
Drumpton Reserves	7	9
Fivehead	9	9
Chard Rangers Reserves	11	8
Chard Utd All Stars	8	2*

LYME REGIS 2 HEAVITREE UTD 1 (aet)

THERE was a classic encounter at the Davey Fort as Lyme Regis locked horns with Premier Division outfit Heavitree United with a quarter final place at Newtown in the quarter-final of the East Devon Senior Cup up for grabs.

The first action of an enthralling match came as early as the third minute.

A Heavitree shot came back off the foot of the post and the rebound was blocked on the line by the Seasiders defenders and keeper Will Meech on three occasions in a frantic period of pinball play in the Lyme six-yard box.

But this was to be an afternoon of free-flowing football and both teams played their part.

Lyme's first chance came three minutes later when Chris Herbst played the ball inside the full back for winger Cody Bowditch to surge onto. But the teenager's first touch was a little too heavy and visiting keeper Chris Govier smothered the danger.

Next up it was Rob Fellingham who went close with a rising drive from the edge of the area and smashed against the underside of the bar. Lyme appealed that the ball had crossed the line, but the ball was travelling at such speed it was impossible to tell with the naked.

Play switched back to the other end and 'The Heavies' went desperately close when Steve Batey worked wonders to stretch and keep the ball out with a super goal line block.

The deadline should have been broken in the 21st minute when Herbst dug out a cross from wide on the right to find centre forward Rhys Hayter unmarked six yards out but his volley cleared the crossbar.

Hayter went even closer on the half hour with a superb lob over the advancing Govier which bounced off the angle of crossbar and post.

Somehow the first half ended 0-0 but the teams continued to slug it out after the break. Batey's long throw in's caused problem in the Heavitree six yard box all afternoon and Dan Baggs, employed in a centre-back role as cover for the unavailable Dom Rowe, got his head on one but Govier scurried across his line to hack the ball clear with his boot.



◆ DECIDER: Rob Fellingham

Bowditch and substitute Julien Simier both then went close before the visitors enjoyed their best period of the match and appeared likely to snatch the win.

Twice in the space of a minute they had efforts correctly ruled out for off-side before Meech made two decent saves to keep his clean sheet intact.

But Lyme almost snatched it in the last minute when they struck the woodwork for the fourth time; Batey this time unlucky with a strong header from a cross from substitute Tristan Gale.

The deadlock was finally broken in the gathering darkness two minute into

extra time when Darren Lock cut in from the left wing on to his right foot before unleashing a fierce shot that a desperate defender got his head to on the goal line but could only divert the ball into the roof of the net.

The winner came seven minutes later when Fellingham clipped in a cross-come-shot that deceived Govier and dropped over his head and into the far corner.

Heavitree pulled one back two minutes from time when Kieren Daniels, another Lyme substitute, could only divert a cross into his own net.

Lyme should have had a third when they broke away after defending a corner and Gale weaved past two defenders but, with keeper Govier stranded upfield, shot wide with the goal gaping.

But it mattered not and The Seasiders secured one of their biggest ever cup triumphs in front of an ecstatic clubhouse end.

Lyme Regis: Will Meech, Sam Day, Dan Baggs, Gary Knight (Capt), Kingsley Wellman, Rob Fellingham, Darren Lock, Steve Batey, Cody Bowditch (Kieren Daniels 104), Rhys Hayter (Julien Simier 63), Chris Herbst (Tristan Gale 83).

Devon & Exeter Division One results
Cronies FC 5 Alphington Reserves 0
Sidmouth Town Reserves 6 Colyton 2
Willand Rovers Res 3 Wetheridge Reserves 4

DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP QF
AFC BLANDFORD 2 LYME REGIS RESERVES 1
A HEAVILY disputed late penalty decision cost Lyme Regis Reserves the chance of a place in the semi-finals of the Dorset Intermediate Cup.

With just two minutes remaining centre back Wallace Blackmore toed the ball away from a home striker only for the referee to immediately point to the spot.

Lyme manager Gerard Hitchcock was running the line and attempted to dispute the decision with the referee: "He [the referee] refused to speak to me - it was a shocker - the Blandford player who went down didn't even appeal for a foul."

The afternoon had started well for Lyme when they took the lead in the ninth minute when Fred Parsons picked out striker Dec Ellis who clinically finished a one-on-one chance. "We caught them cold, they were expecting a real easy time," said Hitchcock.

The hosts equalised midway through the half when defenders Cam Fowler and Blackmore hesitated under a high ball and the latter eventually headed the ball straight to an opposing striker who shot past keeper Ryan Turner.

The Seasiders went close to regaining the lead in the 40th minute when Sam Beavis and Stefan Taylor linked well to conjure up a cross which found Rhys Evans but his effort brought a superb point blank save from the home glove man.

At the other end Turner did well to keep out a one-on-one chance as the half ended 1-1.

The opening 20 minutes of the second half were cagey but when things eventually opened up both teams had chances; Parsons could have had a hat-trick - even rounding the keeper on one occasion but rolling the ball wide.

But the result was decided by the award of the late penalty and the hosts were through to the semi's.

D & E Division Six results
Dunkeswell Rovers 1 Offwell Rangers 3
Exwick Village 4 Elmore Reserves 0
Silverton 2 Halwill Reserves 5
Stoke Hill 0 Hemyock 8
Tivvy Park Rangers 1 Central FC 1
Winkleigh 17 Hatherleigh Town Res 2

PREMIER

BEAMINSTER 1 SOUTH PETHERTON 4
ONE OF the season's pivotal games went the way of visiting South Petherton who played for the last 12 minutes with 10 men but still ended Beaminsters' unbeaten start to the season.

All looked good for the hosts when Rich Runyard tapped in a low cross to put them deservedly ahead after 10 minutes.

They continued to hold the upper hand until the midpoint of the first half.



◆ KEY INJURY: Russell Legg

League top-scorer Rich Hebditch went close when he rounded the keeper but failed to find the net.

Beaminsters then lost influential midfielder Russell Legg through injury: "Losing Russell was a big loss for us and it changed the game," said Rainbows' boss Gordy Childs.

Ryan Thurgood popped up with the equaliser with referee Mike Dobson waving away appeals for offside.

New signing Matt Rackham went close to marking his Pethy debut with a goal when he had a header cleared off the line but the opening 45 ended all-square.

The Magpies took the lead for the first time on the hour mark through Ashley Smith and never looked back.

James Hatcher smashed home a penalty to make it 3-1 in the 66th minute although Beaminsters felt keeper Si Taylor had reached the ball before being penalized.

Referee Dobson then showed Mark Nelsms a second yellow card but Beaminsters failed to capitalize on the numerical advantage and conceded a fourth when Thurgood cracked home his 14th of the season.

Childs felt a draw would have been a fair outcome: "We were poor and they were slightly better, but we've got four players returning next week and will bounce back, it had to happen sooner or later and it's out of the way now."

NETHERBURY 4 COMBE RESERVES 3
NETHERBURY beat Combe Reserves for the second time in a week to secure three valuable league points in a game that was more comfortable than the score line suggests.

Netherbury created four early chances in the first 15 minutes, but it was Combe who struck first.

Paul Ruffle equalised from the penalty spot after a handball and repeated the feat after Steve Combes had been scythed down to put the Amber 2-1 up.

The lead was extended in the second half when Ash Carter tapped in Ethan Holmes-Good's cross.

Netherbury had further chances when Josh James hit the base of post after and Ruffle went close from a free kick.

However they let the visitors back into the game when some poor defending allowed Combe a shot at goal, which keeper Arthur Gay saved but the re-

bound was netted for 3-2.

Substitute Harry Kilcoyne then he picked out Steve Symonds who crashed the ball home to make it 4-2.

This should have been the end of things, but once again a lapse in concentration gave Combe a third and Netherbury had to dig deep in the last 10 minutes and had Charlie Morgan to thank for a clearance that was a yard off the goal line.

Joint Manager Paul Cuff said "We played some decent football, the score should have been much more comfortable, but we let Combe back into the game which was a bit frustrating."

DIVISION ONE

MERRIOTT ROV 3 WAYTOWN HOUNDS 3
STRUGGLING Waytown showed great character after returning from promotion contenders Merriott Rovers clutching a valuable point despite travelling with the bare XI which included manager Joe Carter and former boss Mark Hughes.

The Hounds set up with a 4-5-1 formation planning to flood the midfield with skipper Jon Legg as a sole striker.

And the plan seemed to work as they took the lead when Legg crossed for Adam Cody-Boutcher to fire home.

Things then got even better for Carter's side when Legg was scythed down in the penalty area and stepped up to bury the resulting penalty giving the visitors a surprise 2-0 half time lead.

Rovers upped the ante and their performance after the break and eventually a period of pressure paid off and they struck twice in quick succession through Jack Steer and Stuart Cole.

Back came the Hounds and Legg went close with a shot that struck the crossbar after weaving past three defenders.

The woodwork was tested at the other too with Luke Gosney smashing a penalty against the crossbar.

Waytown regained the lead when Legg pounced on Carter's through ball for his second only for Rovers to make it 3-3.

The visitors had to play the final 10 minutes with 10 men when keeper Lee Cuff was forced off with a head injury and Carter donned the gloves.

But he wasn't beaten and was delighted with the point picking out Cody-Boutcher and Ryan Sweetman pushing Legg for the MoM honours.

PYMORE 2 UPLYME 3

HAVING racked up their biggest score in 92 years in their last match, Uplymere returned to action after a three-week lay-off and proceeded to bring an end to Pymore's six-game unbeaten record.

Uplymere took the lead through a Nathan Goldstone own goal after Jake Bearpark's shot was deflected.

The lead was doubled when Jonny Davies found Bearpark who made no mistake.

Pymore then rattled the crossbar through a Shane Webb header from a Matt Tither cover.

It was 3-0 midway through the second-half when Bearpark was fouled in the box by Jamie Gay and then stepped up to score his second of the afternoon.

But with 15 minutes remaining some slack defending allowed Liam Proctor to cross for Tim Hussey to head home and reduce the arrears.

Proctor then struck himself with a 25-yarder to make it 3-2 and some tight-shoes time for the Swallows but they held on.

Uplymere Joint manager Jon Matthews said: "We started the 2nd half as we finished the 1st and could and maybe should of put the game out of reach with two or three very good chances.

With over 20 minutes of the game left,

the game was anyone's for the taking. Luckily enough for us, we weathered the storm and could of put the game to bed with another couple of chances."

Pymore spokesman Matt Tither said: "We went into the match without key midfielders Stephen Maynard and Mick Gilmore and just couldn't get going, it wasn't until the final 20 minutes that they woke up but by this time they were already 3-0 down, we just couldn't find any rhythm.

DIVISION TWO

CHARMOUTH 1 FARWAY UTD 1
A LATE Brin Sewrad goal salvaged a point in the promotion clash with Farway United at Barrs Lane.

The Devonians looked better in the first half and took the lead when Liam Rogers powered home a header from a corner.

But Sewrad popped with the equaliser from close range in the 80th minute after a couple of shots had been saved.

Charmouth manager Kevin Pratt was pleased with the outcome, he said: "It was a game of two halves with Farway looking the better in the first half when they had most of the game.

"But it all turned at half time and we were the better side in the second period creating many chances but we left it late. Overall it was a fair result and a handy point."

DIVISION THREE

MISTERTON RES 6 LYME REGIS ROVERS 1
THE match at Unity Lane went with form as unbeaten Misterton Reserves took over top spot with a convincing 6-1 win over Lyme Regis Rovers.

The result was confirmed by half time with the hosts already 5-0 in front despite the best efforts of Lyme's MoM keeper Jim Larcombe who made a string of fine saves.

The Seasiders shipped a sixth midway through the second half but home hopes of a clean sheet were ended 10 minutes from time when a corner fell to Robbie Prior and Jonny Day who both swung a boot at the loose ball with the former being awarded the goal for his eighth of the season.

In addition to Larcombe, skipper Jedd Whittington worked hard in central midfield while Darius Pickering had his best game in a Lyme shirt.

OTHER RESULTS

PREMIER: Barrington 2 G.Hayward, J.Thomson) Chard Utd 1 (B.Davies), Shepton Beau 1 (B.Pitman) W&M Chinnock 0, Winham Utd 2 (T.Stead 2) Misterton 0.

DIVISION THREE: Crewk Rangers Res 4 (A.Gurlek 3, E.Tuffour) Chard Rangers Res 2 (A.Evans, W.Luckett), Drimpton Res 5 (G.Tuck 2, J.Maley 2, R.Jewell) Ilminster Town A 4 (L.Dopson 2, A.Payne 2), Farway Utd Res p Uplymere Res p (Pitch waterlogged), Fivehead 2 Thorncombe Res 1 (M.Shat-tock), Forton Rangers Res p Merriott Dynamos p.

FIXTURES - Saturday, December 17th (all 2pm)

PREMIER
Barrington v Shepton Beauchamp
Beaminsters v Netherbury
Winham Utd v Drimpton
DIVISION ONE
Combe St Nicholas A v Merriott Rovers
Shepton Beauchamp Res v Hawkechurch Utd
South Petherton Res v Ilminster Town Colts
Waytown Hounds v Uplymere
DIVISION TWO
Charmouth v Chard Rangers
Dowlish & Donnyatt v Crewkerne Rangers
DIVISION THREE
Chard Rangers Res v Thorncombe Reserves
Ilminster Town A v Farway Utd Reserves
Lyme Regis Rovers v Chard Utd All Stars
Merriott Dynamos v Crewkerne Rangers Res
Misterton Res v Drimpton Reserves
Uplymere Reserves v Forton Rangers Reserves

Bowls

Unbeaten recorded ended

BRIDPORT had a cliffhanger finish against previously unbeaten BOURNEMOUTH in the County Mixed League before winning 90-89 overall.

At home Lyn and Mike Craddock, Pat Cowmeadow & Phil Hedges won 18-13, but Pam Gray, David Aylott, Jan Tattershall & Roger Cowmeadow were well beaten 14-35.

However, the away rinks were in magnificent form with Barbara and Brian Iversen, and Joan & Mel Griffiths winning 28-17 and Erica Sarson, Barry Mapson and Barbara & Keith Jenkins finishing with a six to triumph 30-24, this earned Bridport the vital eight extra points for an overall win.

Bridport Ladies B picked up seven of the eight available points against DORCHESTER C in the County League Division Two.

Nova Varney, Barbara Jenkins, Rose Wilton & Joan Griffiths drew 17-17, with Sylvia Fletcher, Erica Sarson, Anne Parkins and Janet Tattershall securing the extra points for the overall win as they came from 0-8 down to triumph 22-13.

Bridport's A maintained their challenge for honours in the County over 60s League picking up four of the six points at home to bottom side BOURNEMOUTH.

Chris Everest was on great form at lead with Mel Griffiths & Ken Sanger but they lost narrowly. However, Brian Baker, captain Phil Hedges & Mike Fletcher destroyed their opponents to secure the extra points for overall 33-25 win.

AXMINSTER

THE Ladies were unlucky to lose their recent County Lanes match against MID DEVON 65-71.

The home rink of Angela Rattenbury, Janet Parsons & Judith Moffitt won by just two shots whilst the other home rink of Brenda Edwards, Alison Glyde, & Margaret Crompton and the away rink of Sue Bond, Philippa White & Ann Clayton both lost by just two shots. The other away rink of Jo Barnish, Gill Campbell & Jean Kesterton lost by four shots.

In the mixed friendlies we had mixed results. First we lost 55-67 at MADEIRA with only Brian Smith, Anne Burn, Neil Solomon & Bob Sherborne managing a win (22-18).

Next we beat TAUNTON BC 71-54 at home with wins for John Packham, Barbara Mowatt, Nigel Bond & Budgie Hallows (31-18) and Morrison Brown, Chelsea Maher, Ann Clayton & Les Clark (23-17). Lastly we lost 41-59 at home to DONYATT losing on all rinks.

In the National KO competitions James Windsor got through to the second round of the Under 18s with a splendid win at Yeovil against Jamie Day by two sets to nil (21-0) and (19-3).

At senior level our mixed fours side of Phil White, John Hill, David Harris & Ann Clayton got through the first round with a good win at Dorchester but lost at Moonfleet (Weymouth) in the second.

Likewise in the mixed pairs Phil White & David Harris won at home in the first round but lost away to a Dorchester pair in the second.

Youth cricket

Ladies make Beer battle

THE indoor cricket season continued at the Osprey Centre with a thrilling and captivating encounter between Weymouth Ladies and Bere Regis.

Bere Regis 111-2 beat Weymouth Ladies 87-5 by 24 runs.

BERE were made to battle all the way by a rapidly improving Weymouth Ladies side who made them fight for every run and every wicket.

Batting first Bere got off to a steady start against some accurate bowling from the ladies reaching 40 runs off the first four overs.

Tom M (10) lost his wicket to a well executed run out as the ladies emphasised their rapid improvement in the field, and shortly after another athletic pick up and throw resulted in Nat Hobbs returning to the pavilion.

With the Ladies producing an excellent all round display Bere despite good knocks of 28 from Ollie Mayo and 25 from Harry Green were restricted to a moderate 111-2 in their allotted overs.

Bere came out all guns blazing and quickly had the dangerous Issy Gilliver (3) returning to the pavilion via a superb catch from Harry Green off the wall. Holly Damien followed with out troubling the scorers caught by Rowan McPhearson off the bowling of Ollie Mayo (3-0-19-2).

When the impressive Mayo (3-0-21-2) cleaned bowled Donna Butcher for 2 it looked like the game was heading for a swift conclusion.

The Ladies fought back and fine well judged innings from Jo Hayson (24) and Jo Stuttle (23*) kept them in with a shout.

Bere kept it tight in the field and despite a sterling effort from the ladies did just enough to edge the game.

League coordinator Grant Neven was equally impressed with both teams and added: "Both clubs can be proud of their efforts, all the players gave their all and throughout the game displayed the highest standard of sportsmanship."

A view on the Bees

Bridport 5 Willand Rovers 3
Toolstation Premier – att: 90

AFTER a frustrating start to the season which saw the Bees unable to win one of their eight home games at St Mary's Field, they secured their second win in a row on Saturday when they comprehensively beat Willand Rovers, a side they have already lost to twice this season.

After thumping Chipping Sodbury 4-0 last week, they followed up with another five goals with Braeden Symes almost doubling his goal tally for the season as he netted four times.

In both the previous games against the Devon side, Bridport have taken the lead, but failed to capitalise on it, so when the visitors took the lead just two minutes in, they might have feared the worst.

Both Alan Hill and captain Ryan Hayter slipped on the tricky surface as they tried to cut out a pass which bobbled into the path of the chasing Mike Williams who was left with an easy task.

However, Bridport responded by dominating the first half and Symes, Leigh Bailey and Dan Peach all had efforts saved by Rovers keeper Dan Law.

Midway through the half Ed Butcher skipped down the right before delivering the perfect cross. Mark Salter couldn't quite reach it but it fell for Symes to bury his shot from eight yards.

Bailey rattled the crossbar three minutes later, before Ryan Guppy almost put through his own goal as Bridport looked to capitalise on their good play.

However they failed to add to their tally before the break, and were set back on their heels almost immediately after the restart when Willand taking advantage of a slow start by the Bees and Connor Rush restored the lead after some neat play on the edge of the Bees box.

The supporters must have been thinking it was a case of déjà vu, but Bridport once again clicked into action, and Symes once again struck to level on 50 minutes collecting a flick on from Salter to run

through and fire home from 15 yards.

Jason Hutchings had to be alert when in a rare Willand attack he did well to hold a low shot, before Bridport ensured victory with three goals in nine minutes.

Symes completed his hat trick on 64 minutes converting Andy Martin's free kick at the far post, before Butcher cut inside his marker on the right before beating Law at his near post.

Symes completed his best game so far for Bridport by adding his fourth and Bridport's fifth on 73 minutes. His first effort following initial good work by Butcher was blocked by Law, but he fired home the rebound.

Willand tried to respond, and although Joe Curtis pulled one with a free kick that deflected off the wall and wrong footed Hutchings before deflecting in off Bailey, they were a well beaten side.

A delighted Bees boss Adam Fricker said: "It was a very good game, and I think 5-3 flattered them a little bit to be fair; they scored late on but I was pleased from our perspective.

"We ran them close on in the other two games and knew a lot about them and set up accordingly, and thoroughly deserved it.

"They came out quite strong after the break and we weren't quite at it, and they scored, but again we bounced straight back, and went on from strength to strength after that."

Remarking on Symes display and his four goals he added: "I was very pleased for Braeden. He is only a young lad and he is going to have his ups and downs but one thing about him is he is quality on the ball, and he took his chances really well."

Whilst the win didn't see Bridport move up the table; they are still 16th; they are now are now eight points clear of the bottom four with games in hand, and more importantly just a point off eight teams separated by seven points up to Cribbs in eighth spot, again with games in hand on most of them.

Fricker said: "From us up to the top eight it's very tight, so

we need to put a few more points on the board to really cement ourselves in midtable."

Bridport's next two games are both away; to fifth placed BRADFORD TOWN on Saturday, and STREET who are third on Boxing Day, but Fricker was unfazed: "I don't think there are any easy games in this division, and whether they are at the top or bottom we approach it in the same manner.

"It will be tough going to both, but confidence is high."

Adam Barrett and Elliott Mann will both be out until the New Year, although Ben Haines will be back after suspension, and James Regan is available again.

Bridport: Jason Hutchings, Andy Martin, Leigh Bailey, Alan Hill, Matt Condliffe, Ryan Hayter, Dan Peach, Braeden Symes (Gary Bulman 77), Mark Salter, Oscar Latas (Louis Rutter 66), Ed Butcher.

Unused sub; Adam Fricker.

Hunter shoots down Zebras

SHERBORNE TOWN RESERVES 0
BRIDPORT RESERVES 3

AFTER last week's morale boosting win, Bridport Reserves went into this match at Raleigh Grove hoping to make it two on the trot, although missing suspended captain Dan Peart, and with no recognised keeper to replace the unavailable Kieron Park, it appeared a big task.

However assistant manager Simon Gale borrowed a pair of his manager's old gloves to take over between the sticks whilst boss Shaun Annetts gave a debut to young Kieran Mulhall at left back, whilst the Zebras included former Bees keeper Mark Cuff amongst their ranks

Both sides are struggling towards the bottom of the Dorset Premier League, and after an opening 15 minutes with both sides cancelling each other out, Bridport began to impose themselves on the game and took the lead with an excellent goal from Ali Kamara.

Cuff who had already made a couple of smart saves did well to block Josh Hunter's initial shot but it rebounded to Kamara who curled it back over the goalie before he could re-

cover with the outside of his right foot.

The Bees continued to play some nice football after the halftime resumption on a difficult pitch, and they increased their lead with a good team goal that started from the edge of their own penalty area. The ball was played through the midfield pairing of Alfie Ward and Callum Middleton, who are forming a good partnership, to Kamara who had made a good run in behind the left back. He delivered a superb first time lofted ball over the central defender to Hunter who had made a great run, and he beat the advancing Cuff.

Soon after Hunter added his second and Bridport's third from the penalty spot after a defender had brought Josh Hull down inside the box.

Annetts said: "The pleasing thing for me is how well we defended. We had a new central pairing od Nathan Storey (18) and Jake Mansley (17) and they did extremely well, as did everyone; it was a top, top performance.

"I'm extremely pleased and proud of the players and it has given them a lot of confidence.

Those young lads have gone through a very tough period. We've had some tough games, and tough results, but they've remained positive, and their attitude to me and in training has been exceptional.

"It was a better performance than the Cranborne game in my view, against a better team in Sherborne., and it was alocal derby. We're not getting carried away it was against two teams that are struggling like us, but I'm pleased for the players for all their hard work over recent weeks and to enjoy it."

The Bees boss was also full of praise for his assistant Gale who stood in as goalkeeper. "It was a choice between Simon and me."

The former goalkeeper said: "He was prepared to do it, so I gave him a pair of my gloves and he did exceptionally well. He wasn't overworked, but he dealt with crosses and back passes extremely well, and I was delighted with his performance, as well as being grateful!"

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club

WITH PETER CROWTER

Trio of captains trot to victory

THERE were 60 entrants for the men's Sunday competition which was The Turkey Trot, a Texas Scramble off a shotgun start.

The morning started off foggy but brightened up as time went on. The winning team was a trio of captains; Phil Winton (2017 capt), Ian Kearley (2016 capt) & Terry Kearley (father of Ian, and ex-captain) scoring 59.

In second place with 60.2 were Nick Jones, Nigel Challis & Geoff Joy. Taking the third place with 61.4 was the team of Lewis Craddock, Pat Hart & Doug Miners.

It was a pretty miserable morning weather-wise for the VETERANS Thursday competition which was the second round of the Winter Shield Stableford.

There was a good turnout of 60 entrants and some good scores turned in by many of the players, especially in Division One. From that division Marcus Beresford emerged as the star of the day with an excellent 42 points. Richard Fox was runner-up with 39 and P.J. Huggins third with 38.

Brian Osborne headed Division Two scoring 38 points and then came Brian Austin and Alan Bentley, both with 36. *You don't expect a Bentley to be overtaken by an Austin but on this occasion he was, after count-back!*

Tuesday and Saturday saw LADIES playing either the last EG Medal of 2016 or a qualifying Stableford.

Nicky Stone played out of her skin to gain a

one point reduction in her handicap.

Scores; Division One -1st Nicky Stone 77-7=70, 2nd Marion Hurley 90-18=72.

Division Two -1st Jane White 104-29=75, 2nd Di Stothard 100-25=75.

Division Three - 1st Pauline Mackie 107-32=75, 2nd Sandra March 110-34=76.

A Stableford played on both days resulted in a win for

Wendy Newton with 29 points while Carole Hedley was second with 25.

Meanwhile, Nicky Stone, Carole Brown, Sally Woolmington & Liz Walker are through to the third round of the **County Legg Bowl** after defeating last years winners BROADSTONE.

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	9	17
BSC	8	13
Well Hung Clocks	8	11
Nomads	8	11
Five Sticky Fingers	9	10
Hands of Time	9	8
Nags Head A	9	5
Noth'n But Trouble	9	5
Les Miserables	8	5
Rubber Johns	9	1
180s; Tony Young & Terry Prowse x5, Nigel Lamb x4, Steve Garrett & Ryan Cross x3, Five players x2, 10 players x1.		

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	9	15
One for the Vikings	9	13
Odds or Us	9	12
The Stingers	8	10
Respect-de-Bull	8	10
Elders	9	9
Dart Team	8	5
Otter Rotters	9	4
No Direction	8	4
Anchor Five	9	4
180s; Ashley Parker, Shane Parker, Dan Rawlings, Andy Reid & Stuart Alner all x2, 10 players x1.		

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	9	17
Poachers	9	15
Dart Vaders	9	12
The Surgeons	9	10
Midnight Runners	9	8
Anchor Vale Viewers	9	8
Tiger Bees	9	7
Flashes Fives	9	6
Royal Hawks	9	6
Time Bombs	9	1
180s; Paul Gumbrell x2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker, S.Bowditch, P.Rowley, Howard Sellick & Danny Sorrell all x1.		

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dodgers	9	13
No Chance	9	13
Wicked Team Name	9	13
The Nameless	9	10
Whamo	9	10
-1-11	9	10
Odds & Sods	9	7
Sorted Odds	9	6
Hopeful Bashers	9	6
The Royal Nuts	9	5
180s; Andy Page, T.Bird, Micky Brock, Billy Hallett & Roly Steer, all x1.		

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	12	22
Queens Bees	11	21
Arrows Awry	11	17
Queensies of the Club	12	15
Sue's Rebels	12	14
Odd One Out	11	14
Clocking On	11	13
Castaways	12	11
Charlie's Angels	11	8
Good Mates	11	7
Against the Odds	11	6
Don's Damsels	11	4
Tiger Stripes	11	3
Drunking Aware	11	3
180s; Janet Collins, Sue Brock, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby all x1.		

Dorch Snooker

Tight at the top

RESULTS; WDC Team Shaky 4 Purbeck Potters 2, Colliton XC 2016 6 Trinity M 3, WDC Whipping Boys 3 WDC YYMFDT 5, Colliton Hopefuls 2 West Dorset Club A 4.

♦ *Corrected result from Week 9: Colliton Hopefuls 2 Trinity M 5.*

Top Breaks; A.Page 28. **Top Break of the Season;** Ollie Lewis 53.

Team Open Knock Out Cup – Semi-final draw; Colliton XC 2016 v WD Club A (Mon, Jan 30th at Trinity Club), WDC YYMFDT v Trinity M (Tues, Jan 31st at Colliton Club).

Rearranged matches; WDC YYMFDT v Colliton Hopefuls (Dec 20th), West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls (Jan 5th).

Table	Pld	Pts
West Dorset Club A	9	40
WDC Team Shaky	10	37
Trinity M	10	37
Colliton XQ2016	9	36
Purbeck Potters	10	34
Colliton Hopefuls	7	30
WDCYYMFDT	9	27
WDC Whipping Boys	10	26

Table Tennis

Blow for Shipton title hopes

WEYMOUTH & District Tennis League Division Two table toppers Shipton Gorge B were the only Shipton team to play this week but lost out to second placed All Saints 17-23; the victors' Andy Millar being the difference between the two teams with a nine point maximum.

Even where scores look a bit one-sided, most points were competitively and lengthily contested, usually at high speed. The highlight was the match between Miller and Brian Cammell which Miller took 12-10 in the fifth.

Shipton came back from the dead in the doubles to win 3-2 having been two sets down and 0-6 in the fifth before winning that set 11-6.

Full results, tables and averages can be found at www.ttleague.co.uk

Lyme Regis Golf

King George edges win

DESPITE the relatively benign conditions there were no wonderful scores in the DECEMBER MEDAL.

In Division One George Skellern played some vintage golf, barely putting a foot wrong as he carded the winning score of a nett 70.

Andrew Dawe, adjusting to his lowering handicap (6), played some superb golf but just let it slip on the last two holes and ended up with a nett 70 to come second on countback with Richard Jackman in third on countback with a nett 72.

Division One was won by Steve Piper as he composed himself for a solid round including birdies on two of the par 3s to card a nett 70.

Owen Bosence really came good on the back nine to finish second with a nett 71, while the ever steady David Binns came third with a nett 72.

The seniors held their Christmas lunch shotgun competition and there was a good turnout as there was for the social golf.

Bridport & District Table Skittles

Division A	Pd	Pts	BL
Jesters	10	38	7
Crown Duels	10	37	6
What's The Odds	9	29	9
Hopeless Anchor	10	29	6
What an Anchor	10	27	7
Fred's Heros	10	25	4
Ria Gunners	10	23	5
Odds Against	10	23	3
No Hoppers	9	17	3
The Devils	10	17	3
Muck Fuddlers	9	14	4
Fishermans Fnds	9	11	2

Division B	Pd	Pts	BL
Consorts	10	36	5
Five Alive	10	30	5
Bell Ends	10	30	4
Baggies Boys	8	28	6
Hit and Hope	10	28	7
Slingers	10	24	8
George Gormets	10	22	6
About Time	10	22	3
Little Nibblers	9	21	6
Mel's Men	9	19	4
Stickups	10	17	1
Has Beens	10	13	3

Lyme Regis Cribbage

Results (December 5th); Dolphin 0 New Inn Kilm A 5, Charlie's Angels 3 Nags Head 2, Ship Inn LR 4 Steps 1, Lamb Swans 2 Gerrard Arms 3, Ax Con Club 3 New Inn Kilm B 2.

Beer League; Dolphin 2 New Inn Kilm A 1, Charlie's Angels 1 Nags Head 2, Ship Inn LR 0 Steps 3,

Table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	12	39
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	11	32
Gerrard Arms	12	32
New Inn Kilm A	12	32
Axminster Con Club	12	31
Ship Inn, LR	12	30
Dolphin, Beer	12	29
Lamb Swans	12	28
Charlie's Angels	12	27
Steps	12	27
New Inn Kilm B	11	18

Lamb Swans 2 Gerrard Arms 1, Ax Con Club 3 New Inn Kilm B 0.

Fixtures (Dec 19th); Talbot Arms v Ship Inn LR, Gerrard Arms v New Inn A, Lamb Swans v Nags Head, New Kilm B v Charlie's Angels, Axminster Con Club v Dolphin Beer.

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	12	23
New Inn Kilm B	11	20
Steps	12	20
Charlie's Angels	12	20
Lamb Swans	12	19
Gerrard Arms	12	17
Ship Inn, LR	12	17
Axminster Con Club	12	16
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	11	15
Dolphin, Beer	12	14
New Inn Kilm A	12	14

Bridport Crib

Table	Pd	Pts	BL
Anchor Inn	7	61	11
Durbeyfield	7	61	10
George, WBay	7	49	12
H & Anchor B	7	49	7
Crown Inn B	6	46	8
Oddfellows	7	45	8
Crown Inn A	6	44	9
H & Anchor A	6	44	7
Ilchester Arms	5	36	9

Lyme darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	6	12
Nags Head A	6	12
Royal Standard	7	10
Rock Point A	4	8
Four Play	6	7
Clockadoodleoo	4	6
Talbot Arms	5	6
Hunters Lodge	4	3
Nags Z	4	3
Half an Octopus	8	2
Janners	7	2
Cobb Arms	6	1
See you Next Thurs	5	0
180s: B Grainger x2, six players x1.		

School Sports - Cross Country

Colfox boys sprint to year 8-9 County title



◆ **TOP TEAM:** Colfox Year 8-9 Boys with Robin Goodfellow of sponsors CHG (left) and Headteacher David Herbert after winning the team title at the recent Dorset Schools Cross Country Championships.

West Dorset Hockey Club

Hawks win scrappy affair

West Dorset Hawks 2
ECV Hornets A 1

Southern League Two

HAVING slipped into the bottom four relegation places last week, this game against fellow strugglers ECV Hornets A was a must win match.

The Hawks were fired up to do well in their last match of the year, and for the first 15 minutes everything went perfectly for the hosts.

Lots of movement from all the team and crisp, accurate passing saw them take control of the game, ending with Hornets conceding a short corner and a sharp shot from Dan Wyatt to put the Hawks in the lead.

In the second quarter West Dorset lost their shape a little and Hornets pushed hard, but determined defending from sweeper Robin Goodfellow and great keeping from Alex Drew kept them at bay.

In the second half West Dorset re-

gained their composure and shape and after winning another short corner, Dan Wyatt with a lightning fast ball, rattled the back board for a second goal.

The Hornets didn't give up though and continued to push for something out the game, and were rewarded by getting a goal back. However West Dorset hung on and were happy to take a scrappy 2-1 win.

Current Table

	Pld	Pts
Plymouth Uni A	11	27
Chard	11	25
Penzance	10	25
Camborne SoM	10	22
Bude	11	19
Bridgwater A	11	16
WEST DORSET	11	14
ECV Hornets A	11	12
Caradon	11	11
PGSOB A	11	9
Taunton Vale C	11	7
Devonport Services	11	0



◆ **WELL DONE:** Euan Pollock who helped TSJCA Year 8/9 to the team title, receives his individual champion's award from Robin Goodfellow of sponsors CHG

Bridport Rugby

BY ANDREW LIVINGSTON

Second placed Blues aim to scupper Dockers

Oakmedians 2nds 5
Bridport 24

Dorset & Wilts Two (South)
BRIDPORT picked up their fourth straight victory by winning 24-5 away at the Oakmeadian Seconds.

A late try in the first half from Gareth Thomson and the addition dot downs from Harry Richardson, Mitch Waters and Nathan Herbert secured another bonus point triumph for the Blues in the Dorset & Wilts Two South Division.

Travelling with only 15 players, Captain Tom Gamwell was ecstatic to get five points from a game he was just hoping not to concede: "This game showed a turning point for the team, it was brilliant to go away with only 15 players and dominate most areas of the game.

Particularly in the set piece."

In the fast half, Bournemouth's overhanging must stagnated the performance from both teams, causing an opening 30 minutes of deadlock before Thomson went over for his first try in the blue of Bridport.

The prop easily capitalised from the rolling maul which succeeded from a lineout just off the Oakmedian try line ([see video on our website www.viewnews.co.uk](http://www.viewnews.co.uk)).

The game opened up in the second half, producing a more fruitful encounter, with four tries for the handful of onlooking spectators.

Man of the match, Bridport's Harry Richardson, also scored his first ever try for the club early in the second half after capitalising on a poor

kick and chase from the Oaks. The flanker ran in unopposed from the halfway line under the posts and Waters kicked the additional two points.

Sitting 12 points in front, once again Bridport failed to close out the game as they let the home side in to score their only try and points.

However, the Blues quickly replied with Waters' ninth try of the season as he broke the opposing line 30 metres out, one-on-one with the Oaks fullback he surged past to score.

Herbert quickly followed up with another touchdown in similar fashion to leave Bridport with a bonus point win at full time.

With the brief Christmas break approaching, Bridport will play their final game of

2016 at home to the Ringwood-based DORSET DOCKERS' 2ND XV.

Gamwell said: "I think the key for the Dockers game will be to maintain that strong platform to allow quality ball.

"There is still work to be done at the breakdown and reorganising our defence, but the work rate on display has been excellent and the results are just reward."

Current table	Pld	Pts
New Milton II	10	49
BRIDPORT	10	35
PUDDLETOWN	10	29
Wheatsheaf Cabin	10	27
Salisbury III	10	27
Bournemouth IV	10	26
Ellingham & Ringw II	10	21
Dorset Dockers II	10	15
Oakmeadians II	10	8
DORCHESTER II	10	6
Lytchett Minster II	10	4
North Dorset III	10	0

Skittles news

Lyme Regis

RESULTS from w/e Dec 10th.

Ladies: Wootton Wobblers 286 Skittos's 290 (BL Drawn), La Crème 303 (+BL) Generations 320, Rollercoasters 295 (+BL) Smashers 293, Hot Gossips v Wild Pins TBC.

Men's: President's Men 333, Anthill Mob 294 (+BL) Wreckers 313, Young Guns 359 (+BL) Flyers 376, Clueless 340 Marksmen 355 (+BL), No Hoppers v Trappers Postponed (alley unavailable).

All Division Two teams - free week.

Men's Div One	Pd	Pts	BL
No Hoppers	7	14	12
Marksmen	7	12	10
Flyers	7	10	4
Young Guns	7	6	8
Wreckers	7	6	6
Trappers	6	6	2
Clueless	7	4	2
Anthill Mob	7	2	10
Rousdon Rebels	7	2	8

Men's Div Two	Pd	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	6	11	8
President's Men	6	9	8
Miscellaneous	6	9	4
Alleytwits	6	6	8
Tornadoes	6	4	2
British Legion	6	2	4
Shakers	6	1	6

Ladies	Pd	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobblers	5	8	9
Skittos's	5	8	8
Rollercoasters	5	6	8
Smashers	5	6	5
Wild Pins	4	6	5
Hot Gossips	4	4	4
La Crème	5	2	2
Generations	6	2	1

Bridport

CAPTAINS please note that the following have withdrawn from the league; Division C - Bulldogs, Division D - Bad Girls.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	5	10
Denhay	5	8
Rockets	5	8
Rough Eight	5	8
Masters	5	6
Rejects	5	6
Broad Oak	5	4
Wanderers	5	4
Nelson Nobblers	5	2
Slingers	5	2
U Know the Bokes	5	2
Lively Lads	5	0

Division B	Pld	Pts
Miss the Ball	5	10
Countrymen	4	6
The Dingles	5	5
Outsiders	4	5
Bangers	4	4
Castouts	5	4
Dingbats	4	4
Lost in Time	4	4
Survivors	5	4
Aussies Lot	5	2
Originals	4	2

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatics	5	10
NBC	5	10
LHS	5	8
Wickers	5	8
Brandy Snaps	5	6
Pioneers	5	6
Groundhogs	4	2
Stingers	5	2
Unknowns	5	2
Whiskey Chasers	5	2
Yo Yo's	5	2
Bulldogs	3	0

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	5	10
Alleycats	5	8
Fetherbeds	5	8
Strawpeodes	5	6
Let em Roll	5	6
BFC	5	4
Firebirds	5	4
Offcuts	5	4
Bad Girls	5	2
Hidden Talent	4	2
Pinbashers	4	2

Highest individual score;
E.Tuck (Unknowns) 88.
Highest individual Ladies;
S.Luter (Yo Yo's) 86.

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Lyme edge through after cup classic

THE gloom of a dreary December afternoon was lifted by a sparkling cup-tie at the Davey Fort on Saturday afternoon with Lyme Regis deservedly clinching a place in the quarter-final of the East Devon Senior Cup.

It was an enthralling encounter with both teams going toe-to-toe against opponents Heavitree United, managed by former Ex-

eter City striker Sean Devine, who were runners-up in last season's competition and currently in the upper reaches of the Devon & Exeter Premier Division.

Lyme were clearly under dogs coming into the match but had an inkling that they could extend a fine recent run of form against opponents who were still licking their wounds having been hammered 5-1

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on their own turf in a bruising encounter by Hatherleigh Town in their previous game.

An all action opening 20 minutes saw

Lyme clear the ball off their own line on four occasions but also strike the Heavies woodwork three times.

The chances kept coming, but amazingly the match headed into extra time with the scoreline still goal less.

Goals from Darren Lock and Rob Fellingham in a seven-minute spell eventually clinched a deserved 2-1 win.

Lyme will have their work cut out if they are to reach the semi's as standing in their way are another D&E Premier side Newtown, who beat South West Peninsula side Axminster Town 3-1 at Tiger Way in the recent Devon Premier cup tie.

The Seaside's return to Devon & Exeter League Division One action with Saturday's visit by promotion rivals Sidmouth Town Reserves. (2.15pm ko).

Sadly **Lyme Regis Reserves'** Dorset Intermediate Cup ambitions are over for another season after a controversial late penalty decision cost them in a 2-1 defeat at Dorset League Division One leaders AFC Blandford in Saturday's quarter-final.

The Lyme Reserves will hope for better when they visit lowly Stoke Hill in next Saturday's D&E Division Six clash.

Not a great day for **Lyme Rovers** either. Terry White's troops, in good form of late, were well-beaten 6-1 at Perry Street League Division Three title contenders Mistraton Reserves.

The Rovers are set to welcome Chard United All Stars for Saturday's match at the Woodroffe School.

There was better news from **UPLYME** who put distance between themselves and the PSDL Division One relegation zone with Jake Bearpark scoring twice in a 3-2 win at Pymore. The Swallows visit Waytown Hounds next Saturday.

Meanwhile, Uplyme Reserves will have been disappointed to have had their game at Farway Reserves postponed due to a waterlogged pitch ahead of next Saturday's huge PSDL Division Three promotion clash against visiting Forton Rangers Reserves.

Elsewhere, **CHARMOUTH** remain firmly in the Division Two promotion mix after drawing 1-1 with rivals Farway United at Barrs Lane.

The Robins also face a pivotal clash on Saturday when they welcome current leaders Chard Rangers who have won all of their nine matches to date.



◆ **BUOYANT SEASIDERS:** Three successive big wins in the Devon & Exeter League Division, allied to Saturday's magnificent 2-1 East Devon Senior Cup win over Premier side Heavitree United, have seen Lyme Regis hit a rich vein of form. Line-up, standing from left; Adam Caddy, Steve Batey, Kingsley Wellman, Rhys Hayter, Will Meech, Dan Baggs, Dom Rowe, Sam Day, Darren Lock, Mark Bailey, Lee Cleal. Front; Gary Knight, Cody Bowditch, Steve Crabb (coach), Robin Townsend (Manager), Mark Lock (Coach), Rob Fellingham, Kieren Daniels.

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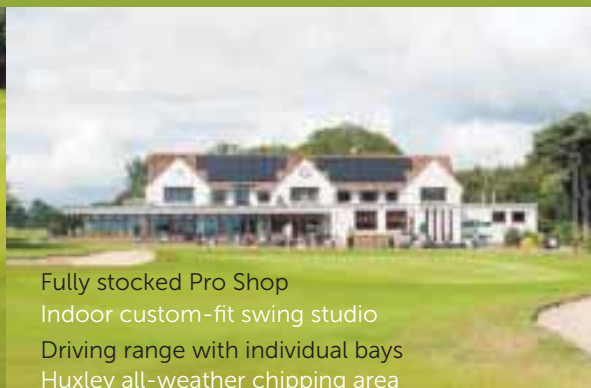
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